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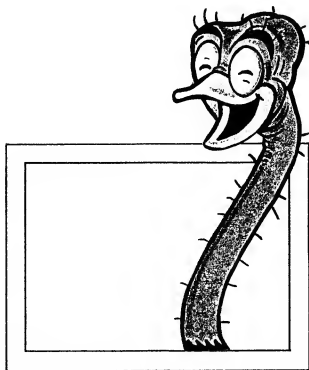


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**TICK-TOCK TONY**

THE CLOCKWORK HORSE



IN THE LAND  
OF THE  
**SILVER DWARFS**



**GENERAL JUMBO**



**RATTLESNAKE RANCH**



**MINNIE THE MINX**



**RUNAWAYS with THUNDERBIRD**



**THE BIRD BOY**



# Introduction

More than half a century has passed since THE BEANO first saw the light of day in newsagents across the land and was bought by children who eagerly donned their free first issue Whoopee Masks, little thinking that in due course their grandchildren would still be able to buy future editions of the same comic.

From pre-war times to the hi-tech video age, through the watershed years of Dennis the Menace, Leo Baxendale and Ken Reid in the 1950s, from the days of George Moonie, Dudley Watkins and Big Eggo and on to Euan Kerr, Dave Sutherland and Calamity James, these two volumes are a modest attempt to catalogue the complete history of 'Beanotown' from 1938 to the end of 1989. A history which, I'll hope you'll agree, is of more than passing interest.

RAY MOORE  
Author

## DEDICATION

To all those creative individuals, the architects of Beanotown, who have contributed to THE BEANO over the years, and to those who during a word association test when presented with the word 'Lord' would reply 'Snooty' instead of 'Longford', these volumes are respectfully dedicated.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Trying to compile these Diaries alone would have been an impossible task so for various reasons I'd like to thank all of the following for the help they've given, directly or indirectly, to the finished article: Bill Lofts, the late Derek Adley, Alan and Laurel Clark, Colin Morgan, Alan Cadwallender, Jim Allinson, Geoff Newman, J.K. Ledsom, Denis Gifford as always and, last but not least, Alan and David Coates my co-conspirators in the project from day one. Thanks also to all those unnamed people who, by their own personal researches, have contributed to the final work as it now stands.

### A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHERS

British comics and story papers have been published now for more than one hundred years, and THE BEANO is probably the most famous of them all. We suspect it has consistently had one of the highest numbers of readers of any such publication in this country, and is undoubtedly amongst the most well-loved and best-remembered.

Who would have suspected that when No. 1 of THE BEANO first appeared back in 1938, it would establish such a creditable record for itself? Certainly D.C. Thomson's publications were beginning to grasp a significant share of the market by the time BEANO appeared, but no one could have foretold just how successful that new comic would be.

We have to thank the geniuses - the artists and writers - who have created such characters as Lord Snooty, the Bash Street Kids, Dennis the Menace, Jonah, Minnie the Minx, Biffo, Jimmy and his Magic Patch and Kat and Canary - to name but a few of the marvellous creations from THE BEANO. And wartime restrictions aside, what a feat to publish 52 weeks of the year! We also have to thank Ray Moore for completing the truly Herculean task of writing THE BEANO DIARIES. It will stand for years to come as a masterpiece of research into a world which others have found incredibly difficult to penetrate.

Our task as publishers included the responsibility for choosing the illustrations to these volumes - not easy considering the wealth of material to draw from. We've therefore tried to give a representative sample of the many different characters and drawing styles from THE BEANO to give you an all-round appreciation of its contents during each period.

So now read on and enjoy learning about THE BEANO. Even the most devoted Beanophile will find something in these volumes which they never knew before.

Thanks again Ray!

ALAN and DAVID COATES  
Publishers

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# How to use these Books

## 1. Organisation of the entries appearing in THE BEANO COMIC

Each character/feature that appeared in THE BEANO from 1938 to the end of 1989 appears in THE BEANO DIARIES. For ease of reference, the entries are listed in year order (e.g. 1938, 1939, 1940, etc) with each year's list of characters/ features given in the order of its first appearance.

## 2. Abbreviations used in THE BEANO DIARIES

A number of different abbreviations are used in THE BEANO DIARIES in order to avoid the repetition of the same word, e.g. 'Magic-Beano Book' appears as MBB. The following is a list of the abbreviations that appear throughout THE BEANO DIARIES:

ANN	Annual (either Beano Book or Magic-Beano Book)
BB	Beano Book (1940-1942, 1951 to present)
MBB	Magic-Beano Book (1943-1950)
(cs)	Comic strip, e.g. Lord Snooty, Dennis the Menace
(as)	Adventure strip, e.g. The Shipwrecked Circus
(cas)	Comic adventure strip, e.g. Hookey's Magic Bowler Hat
(st)	Prose story, e.g. My Dog Sandy
(ps)	Picture Story appearing in an annual, e.g. Dennis the Menace Book
(r)	Reprint
BC	Beano Calendar (1986 to present)
BSS	Beano Summer Special (1964 to present)
DBS	Dandy-Beano Summer Special (1963)
BCL	Beano Comic Library (2 each month, 1982 to present)
BPB	Beano Puzzle Book (2 each month, 1987 to present)
DCB	Dandy Cartoon Book (2 each month, 1987 to present)
BT	Best of Topper (pub. approx. quarterly, 1988 to present)
BBZ	Best of Beezer (pub. approx. quarterly, 1988 to present)
BS	Beano Special (2 pub. approx. quarterly, 1987 to present)
SM	Super Mag (one-off publication, 1986)
DMB	Dennis the Menace Book (1956 to present)
BSK	Bash Street Kids Book (1980 to present)
FGY	Fifty Golden Years (volume of reprints, 1988)
GY2	The Golden Years Volume II (volume of reprints, 1989)
BAP	Beano Anniversary Poster (giveaway, July 1988)
CSA	Comic Sticker Album (published by Panini, 1988)
HC	Hoot Comic (1985-1986)
SP	Sunday Post Fun Section (Beano reprints, 1976-1977)

## 3. 'Ghost' artists

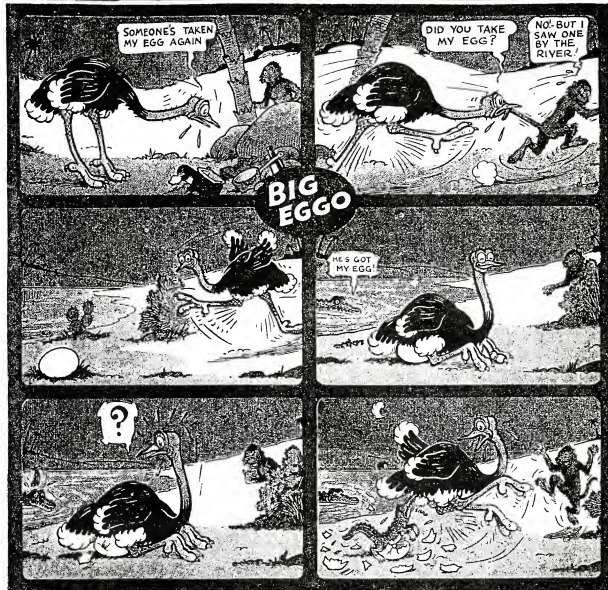
As it would be impossible to list them all, no attempt has been made to list artists who 'ghosted' or stood in on strips when the strip's regular artists was absent.

## 4. Possible errors and omissions

While every attempt has been made to make the information in THE BEANO DIARIES as complete and accurate as possible, errors and omissions are virtually certain to occur to a small degree. Therefore, whilst reading through THE DIARIES, should you spot an error or feel you can supply a piece of omitted information, please write to Ray Moore at the following address (enclosing an SAE if you need a reply): 15 Bradley Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 5EG.

THE BEANO COMIC

Nº 1 · JULY 30 · 1938  
EVERY TUESDAY 2<sup>D</sup>

**FREE INSIDE**  **WHOOPEE MASK**

FIRST ISSUE COVER

LIMITED EDITION INFORMATION

This is volume one of a two-volume set of THE BEANO DIARIES. This set of volumes of THE BEANO DIARIES is number of a total number of copies printed as a limited edition.



# 1938

## July

Thirty-five weeks after they published the first DANDY COMIC, DC Thomson & Co. of Dundee publish the first issue of THE BEANO on July 26th (dated for July 30th). The original talents involved were:

### Editorial

Editor - George Moonie; Chief Sub-Editor - Ron Fraser; Sub-Editors - Iain Chisholm, Freddie Simpson; Junior Sub-Editor - Stanley M. Stamper. Managing Editor of DC Thomson's Juvenile Publications was R.D. 'Bert' Low.

### Artistic

DC Thomson staff artists: Dudley Watkins, George 'Dod' Anderson, Richard 'Toby' Baines, Jack Glass and Charles 'Chick' Gordon. Title logo artist was James Crighton.

Freelance artists: Reg Carter, Hugh McNeill, Roland Davies, James Jewell, Charles Holt, Basil Blackaller, S.K. Perkins, Eric Roberts and Allan Morley.

### Important first issue character appearances

Big Eggo, Lord Snooty and his Pals, Morgyn the Mighty, Tom Thumb, Hairy Dan, Rip Van Wink, Wild Boy of the Woods and Tin-Can Tommy.

## November

First appearance of a popular early BEANO adventure character - Prince Dermot of Runa ('The Prince on the Flying Horse') - which also featured the first BEANO artwork of Thomson staff artist James 'Peem' Walker. (His artwork on the feature 'Lost Among the Silver Dwarfs' debuts at the same time).

## December

The 'Little Magic Man' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist George Ramsbottom.

'Frosty McNab' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Sam Fair.

First appearance of 'Pansy Potter' and 'Good King Coke'.

THE DANDY Christmas issue (No. 56) features the first instance of a DANDY-BEANO crossover strip when 'Our Gang' and 'Lord Snooty and his Pals' share an Xmas party.

### YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos 1-23; original page size 8.5 inches x 12 inches; price 2d; page count 28; published every Tuesday.

Free gifts: No. 1 (30.7.38) - Whoopee Mask  
No. 2 (6.8.38) - 8 Sugar Buttons  
No. 15 (5.11.38) - Jelly Baby Sweets  
No. 21 (17.12.38) - Merry Xmas Mask

### CHARACTERS

#### BIG EGGO (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 358 (2.4.49)

Art: Reg Carter (later one-line strips drawn by George Drysdale)

Covers: Last front cover appearance No. 326 (10.1.48)

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1950

Others: HC: 1986; FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989; BC: 1988; CSA: 1988; BSS: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: BEANO No. 2000 (15.11.80) reprinted the first 'Big Eggo' strip from BEANO No. 1.

#### PING THE ELASTIC MAN (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 126 (21.12.40)

Art: Hugh McNeill

ANN: BB: 1940, 1941

Notes: Reappeared for one issue in No. 130 (18.1.41)

#### BRAVE CAPTAIN KIPPER (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 57 (26.8.39)

Art: An Italian reprint supplied by the Milan-based Torelli Bros. Art Agency

ANN: BB: 1940

#### LORD SNOOTY AND HIS PALS (cs) [First Series]

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 367 (30.7.49)

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1950; BE: 1951-1959, 1962-1990 (R 1962-1965)

Others: BSS: 1964-1989; BCL: 50, 100, 112, 130, 141, 159, 170, 183; BPE: 1-6, 8, 9, 11-13; DCE: 1-9, 12, 13; BC: 1986-1990; BT: 1, 2, 3 (r); BEZ: 1, 3, 4, 5 (r); HC: 1985-1986; SF: 1977 (r); FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For further 'Snooty' series see 1950 and 1959 and for much more information see the special 'Lord Snooty' section of this volume (Special Section 1).

#### MORGYN THE MIGHTY (as)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 14 (29.10.38)

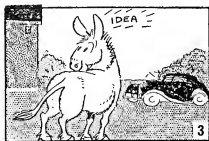
Synopsis: Adventures with the world's strongest man on the isolated Black Island where, after being shipwrecked on the schooner 'Hebrides', he has remained a castaway for thirteen years.

Art: George 'Dod' Anderson

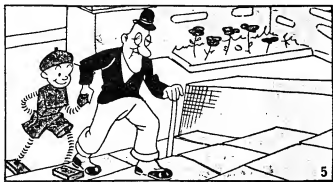
Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987; BC: 1988; BSS: 1988; BAP: 1988

Biography: Morgyn's first appearance was in ROVER No. 304 (11.2.28) - No. 337 (29.9.28), in prose story format. Many more 'Morgyn' ROVER prose tales followed till the paper's demise in January 1973.

# THE ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB



4.—“The crowd cheered as I chased the bull round the ring, but the brute was cunning. Suddenly it whirled round and charged me. By Jove, that bull’s breath was so hot it melted the sword in my hand.”



1. Dudley Watkins (1938); 2. Lord Snooty (Dudley Watkins, 1938); 3. Contrary Mary (Roland Davies, 1938); 4. Uncle Windbag (Charles Holt, 1938); 5. Tin-Can Tommy (Torelli Brothers, 1938); 6. Ping the Elastic Man (Hugh McNeill, 1938).

- Picture strip: The first BEANO appearance (Nos. 1-14 mentioned above) was reprinted in ROVER No. 1506 (8.5.54) - No. 1519 (7.8.54). Other picture strip appearances were: (i) ROVER No. 1646 (12.1.57) - No. 1661 (27.4.57), confusingly a retitled reprint of the 1944 BEANO strip 'Strang the Terrible' drawn by Dudley Watkins; (ii) ROVER BOOK 1956 strip drawn by James 'Peem' Walker; (iii) VICTOR Nos. 109 (23.3.63) - No. 120 (8.6.63), and further VICTOR 'Morgyn' strips in the sixties drawn by Ted Keiron. Seventies and eighties VICTOR 'Morgyn' strips were drawn by the Spanish artist Garcia.
- Notes: 'Morgyn' also appeared in his own storybook in September 1951, priced 4/- . It contained 214 pages and had fourteen illustrations and a pictorial dustjacket drawn by Dudley Watkins.
- THE ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB** (st) [First Series]  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 115 (5.10.40)  
Synopsis: Exploits of the woodcutter's son, made famous in the Charles Perrault fairytale, who is only six inches high.  
Art: Dudley Watkins  
ANN: BB: 1940-1941 (st), 1942 (ps); MBB: 1943-1949 (ps), 1950 (st); BB: 1951-1954 (ps), 1957 (st), 1959 (ps)  
Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989; BC: 1988; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988  
Notes: For further 'Tom Thumb' series see 1940 (st), titled 'Jungle Leader of the Little Lost Ones'; 1941 (as); 1948 (as), titled 'Sir Tom Thumb'; 1949 (st); 1950 (st), titled 'Tom Thumb's Schooldays'; 1957 (as).  
'Tom Thumb' also appeared throughout the 1960s in the nursery comic BIMBO in a strip drawn by Dudley Watkins beginning in No. 1 (18.3.61), and subsequently appeared in the other nursery comic LITTLE STAR in the years 1973-1975.
- BLACKFLASH THE BEAVER** (st)  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 20 (10.12.38)  
Synopsis: A young beaver learns to survive the dangers of life in the forest.  
Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines  
ANN: BB: 1940; 1957 (Titled 'Old Beavers Know Best', and see also a one-off story with the same title in 1949); 1959 (r).
- WHOOPEE HANK - THE SLAPDASH SHERIFF** (cs)  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 53 (29.7.39)  
Art: Roland Davies
- ANN: BB: 1940  
Others: GY2: 1989
- CRACKER JACK - THE WONDER WHIP MAN** (as)  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)  
Synopsis: Modern-day cowboy Cracker Jack Silver uses his thirty foot lash to fight crime.  
Art: Jack Glass
- HOOKY'S MAGIC BOWLER HAT** (cas)  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 108 (17.8.40)  
Synopsis: After being kind to an old Indian carpet seller, young Hooky Higgs is given a magic bowler hat which when rubbed will grant any wish.  
Art: Charles 'Chick' Gordon  
ANN: BB: 1940, 1941  
Others: BEANO No. 2000
- THE WANGLES OF GRANNY GREEN** (st) [First Series]  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 26 (21.1.39)  
Synopsis: Motherless eleven year-old Jimmy Green impersonates his own granny, a ruse which allows him to live alone while his father is away for a time working in a distant town.  
Art: Charles 'Chick' Gordon  
ANN: BB: 1952, 1953  
Notes: For a reprint of this serial see 'Artful Granny Green' (1945). For second series see 1951.  
The TOPPER comic strip 'Al Change' drawn by Tom Bannister (1980-86) bore more than a passing resemblance to this story.
- WEE PEEM (HE'S A PROPER SCREAM)** (cs) [First Series]  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 89 (6.4.40)  
Art: James Jewell  
ANN: BB: 1940, 1941, 1953  
Others: FGY: 1987  
Notes: Reprinted in Thomson's magazine-cum-newspaper THE PEOPLE'S JOURNAL from (16.6.45), followed by new PEOPLE'S JOURNAL strips drawn by James Malcolm. For further series see 1951 (Titled 'Wee Peem's Magic Pills') and 1956.  
Peem is an old Scots nickname for anyone called James, e.g. Thomson staff artist James 'Peem' Walker.
- LITTLE DEAD-EYE DICK** (cs) [First Series]  
No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 20 (10.12.38)

Art: Charles Holt

ANN: BB: 1940, 1951-1952

Notes: For second and third series see 1949.

Art: Allan Morley

Notes: In 1950 Big Fat Joe returned to THE BEANO as one of Lord Snooty's new pals.

HAIKY DAN (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 297 (16.11.46), latterly not every week

Art: Basil Blackaller (later George Drysdale)

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1944, 1946-1948

Notes: 'Hairy Dan' reappeared in SPARKY No. 1 (23.1.65) and continued to appear sporadically throughout the first year of SPARKY's run.

CONTRARY MARY (THE MOKE) (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 97 (1.6.40)

Art: Roland Davies

ANN: BB: 1941

Others: FGY: 1987

Notes: Reprinted in Thomson's magazine-cum-newspaper THE PEOPLE'S JOURNAL (from 16.6.45) under the title 'Neddy the Cuddy'. Mary was revived in THE BEANO in 1950 when she became a new animal member of Lord Snooty's gang.

SMILER THE SWEEPER (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 20 (10.12.38)

Art: S.K. Perkins

ANN: BB: 1940

THE SHIPWRECKED KIDDS (st)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 17 (19.11.38)

Synopsis: When the splendid steam yacht 'Swallow' is wrecked, Cyril and Ethel Kidd, the children of the yacht's owner and two of the crew (Mickey Swift the assistant cook and Big Bill Thomson) become castaways.

Art: Jack Glass

RIP VAN WINK (cs) [First Series]

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 336 (29.5.48), latterly not every week

Art: Eric Roberts (1938-1941); James Crighton (1941-1948)

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1950; BB: 1951

Others: FGY: 1987

Notes: For further series of new and reprint strips see 1958.

MY DOG SANDY (st)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 14 (29.10.38)

Synopsis: The adventures of Sandy, a pure-bred Border collie, when he runs away from his cruel master.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1957 (Titled 'Danger in a Dark Street'); 1959 (r)

HELPPUL HENRY (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Art: Eric Roberts

ANN: BB: 1940, 1942

Others: FGY: 1987

THE APE'S SECRET (st)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 14 (29.10.38)

Synopsis: How young Jimmy Samson tries to gain rightful control of his uncle's circus after Algy the intelligent chimp steals and hides the old man's will.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

Notes: For a picture strip with the same storyline see 'The Kangaroo Kid' in 1959.

THE WISHING TREE (st)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Synopsis: An old oak tree grants people's wishes.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1940, 1959 (r)

Notes: For instantaneous sequel to this story see 'Acorns from the Wishing Tree' (1939), and for reprint series see 1946.

WILD BOY OF THE WOODS (as) [First Series]

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 175 (14.3.42)

Synopsis: A young lad called Derek is brought up by an old hermit to live like a young Tarzan in a great wood.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: BB: 1940-1941 (as); MBB: 1947 (st), 1949-1950 (as)

Notes: For further series see 1947, 1949 and 1958.

BIG FAT JOE (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

UNCLE WINDRAG (HE TELLS TALL TALES) (cs)

[First Series]

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 20 (10.12.38)

Art: Charles Holt

ANN: BB: 1955 (cs), 1956-1957 (st), 1958 (cs), 1960 (st)

Others: FGY: 1987

Notes: For further series see 1953 and 1956.

MONKEY TRICKS (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 20 (10.12.38)

Art: Reg Carter

ANN: BB: 1940

LITTLE PEANUT'S PAGE OF FUN (f)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 112 (14.9.40)

Synopsis: Jolly jokes and tricky riddles from the small black boy who adorns THE BEANO's front page title heading.

Art: Charles 'Chick' Gordon

Notes: On the front page title heading 'Peanut' is drawn by James Crighton.

TIN-CAN TOMMY (THE CLOCKWORK BOY) (cs)

No. 1 (30.7.38) - No. 303 (8.2.47)

Art: Italian reprint from the Milan-based Torelli Bros. Art Agency, until No. 69 (18.11.39), then new strips drawn by Sam Fair and latterly George Drysdale and Charles 'Chick' Gordon.

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1948

Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987; BC: 1988; BAP: 1988

JIMMY'S PET - THE KANGAROO (st)

No. 15 (5.11.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Synopsis: Fun when Jimmy Jones is sent a kangaroo as a birthday present from his uncle in Australia.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

THE PRINCE ON THE FLYING HORSE (st)

[First Series]

No. 15 (5.11.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Synopsis: In the land of Runa young Prince Dermot, with the help of his flying horse Silverwing, tries to regain the throne of the kingdom which is rightfully his from the wicked usurper King Jarl.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1940 (st) (Titled 'The Flying

Horse'); 1941 (as) (Titled 'The Prince on the Flying Horse'); MBB: 1945 (st) (Titled 'The Flying Horse'); 1950 (as) (Titled 'King on the Flying Horse')

Notes: For the immediate sequel, again in prose form, see 'The King on the Flying Horse' (1939), and for the third series, this time in picture story format, see 1940. See also semi-sequel to all these the story 'Wildfire - The Magic Horse' in 1952.

LOST AMONG THE SILVER DWARFS (as)

No. 15 (5.11.39) - No. 89 (6.4.40)

[Title change to 'In the Land of the Silver Dwarfs' from No. 36 (1.4.39)]

Synopsis: In a lost world under the North Pole explorer Captain Steele, his children Tim and Betty and their eskimo friend Blubby, have many adventures in the caverns which hold the strange city of the troglodyte Silver Dwarfs and their ruler King Zak.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1940

Notes: For strip with a similar theme see 'Kitty MacTaggart' in 1957 and also see prose story 'Willie in the Lost World' in 1951.

HICKY THE HARE (cs)

No. 15 (5.11.38) - No. 62 (30.9.39)

Art: Italian reprint supplied by the Torelli Bros. Art Agency in Milan.

LITTLE MASTER OF THE MIGHTY CHANG (st)

No. 18 (26.11.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Synopsis: The adventures of Taba the Indian boy and his elephant Chang in the teak forests of Burma.

Art: Jack Glass

Notes: For a slightly altered picture strip version of this story see 'Teeko' in 1959.

THE LITTLE MAGIC MAN (st)

No. 21 (17.12.38) - No. 35 (25.3.39)

Synopsis: The story of Ted Robins and Helpful the marvellous magical gnome built by Ted's inventor father.

Art: George Ramsbottom

GOOD KING COKE (HE'S STONY BROKE) (cs)

[First Series]

No. 21 (17.12.38) - No. 177 (11.4.42)

Art: Eric Roberts

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1948

Others: FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989

Notes: For second series see 1945.

FROSTY MCNAB (THE FROEZY WHEEZE MAN) (cs)

No. 21 (17.12.38) - No. 130 (18.1.41)

Art: Sam Fair

ANN: BB: 1940-1942

Notes: 'Frosty' was revived, for one week only, in SPARKY No. 2 (30.1.65)

PANSY POTTER (THE STRONGMAN'S DAUGHTER) (cs)

[First Series]

No. 21 (17.12.38) - No. 325 (27.12.47)

Art: Hugh McNeill (1938-1940);  
Basil Blackaller (1940-1944);  
Sam Fair (1944-1947)

ANN: BB: 1940-1942; MBB: 1943-1950;  
BB: 1951-1956

Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987; GY2:  
1989; BC: 1988; CSA: 1988;  
BSS: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For second series titled 'Pansy Potter in Wonderland' see 1949, for third series see 1958 and for fourth series see 1989.

Pansy Potter was revived again in SPARKY No. 2 (30.1.65) in a series which lasted until No. 24 (3.7.65), drawn by Bill Hill. Then a second series began in SPARKY No. 80 (30.7.66) and ran until No. 567 (29.11.75), drawn successively by Bob Webster, John K. Geering and Evi De Bono.

Pansy Potter was originally, but for a late editorial change of mind, to have been called 'Biff Bang Bella'.

'Cocky Dick'.

'Follow the Secret Hand' begins, the first story featuring the early BEANO adventure favourite Prince Ivor of Arkania.

Undateable wartime information:

BEANO Editor George Moonie joins the Royal Marines and the BEANO Editorship passes to ADVENTURE boys' paper Editor Stuart Gilchrist.

BEANO Chief Sub-Editor Ron Fraser joins the RAF. He is subsequently shot down in action and spends several years in a POW camp.

BEANO Sub-Editor Freddie Simpson, due to ill-health, has to leave Thomsons.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos 24-75; price 2d; page count 28 to No. 62 (30.9.39), then 24 from No. 63 (7.10.39) onwards.

Free gifts: No. 36 (1.4.39) - Big Bang Fun Gun  
No. 47 (17.6.39) - Licorice Bow  
No. 69 (18.11.39) - Licorice Pipe

CHARACTERS

KING OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN (st)

No. 27 (28.1.39) - No. 46 (10.6.39)

Synopsis: The adventures of a Rocky Mountain Bighorn deer.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

BONEY THE BRAVE (HE LIVES IN A CAVE) (cs)

No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 46 (10.6.39)

Art: Roland Davies

PUFFING BILLY (cs)

No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 81 (10.2.40)

Art: Hugh McNeill

ANN: BB: 1940-1941

YOUNG STRONGARM THE AXEMAN (as) [First Series]

No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 81 (10.2.40)

Synopsis: The thrilling escapades of young Strongarm, a Viking marksman at axe throwing.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1941 (st), 1951 (st), 1959 (as), 1961 (as)

Notes: For further series see 1949 (st) and 1957 (as). See also a strip in the 1957 BEANO BOOK titled 'Hal o' the Axe'.

ACORNS FROM THE WISHING TREE (st)

No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 62 (30.9.39)

Synopsis: In this direct sequel to 'The Wishing Tree' (see 1938) magic acorns from the tree grant wishes to people in trouble.

Art: Jack Prout

1939

April

'Acorns from the Wishing Well' begins featuring the first BEANO work from Thomson staff artist Jack Prout.

July

First appearance of Thomson's short-lived comic MAGIC on 22nd.

September

The first BEANO BOOK is published.

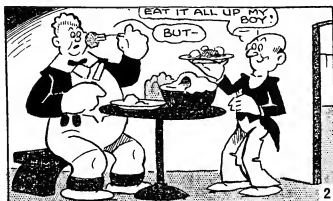
October

The first page count reduction as a result of the wartime paper shortages, from 28 to 24 pages, is introduced.

November

First appearance of BEANO's sharp-witted bird

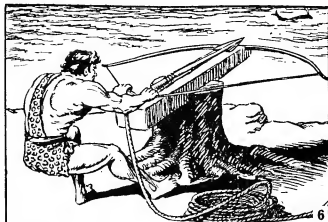
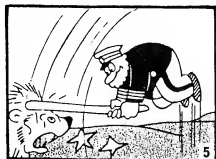
- Notes: This story had no proper ending when the page count was reduced with No. 63 (7.10.39).
- THE SINGING GIANT** (st)  
No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 59 (9.9.39)  
Synopsis: A mysterious thirteen year-old boy with a penchant for singing causes a town's authorities trouble mainly because he also happens to be ten feet tall.  
Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines  
ANN: BB: 1940
- TWELVE HAPPY BORNERS** (st)  
No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 68 (11.11.39)  
Synopsis: A family live in a giant mobile shoe and travel the country performing certain tasks in order to obtain an inheritance left them in a will.  
Art: George Ramsbottom  
ANN: BB: 1940
- THE KING ON THE FLYING HORSE** (st)  
[Second Series]  
No. 36 (1.4.39) - No. 52 (22.7.39)  
Synopsis: In this direct sequel to 'The Prince on the Flying Horse' Dermot and his flying horse Silverwing find they still have many exciting adventures even after Dermot regains the throne of Runa.  
Art: James 'Peem' Walker  
ANN: See first series 'The Prince on the Flying Horse' (1938). For edited reprint series see 1947.
- TRICKY DICKY ANT** (cs) [First Series]  
No. 38 (15.4.39) - No. 62 (30.9.39)  
Art: Italian reprint supplied by the Torelli Bros. Art Agency in Milan.  
ANN: BB: 1940-1941; MBB: 1949-1950  
Notes: For second series see 1949.
- THE PRANKS OF PEANUT** (cs)  
No. 41 (6.5.39) - one-off, then No. 52 (22.7.39) - No. 67 (4.11.39)  
Art: Charles 'Chick' Gordon  
Notes: Strip featuring THE BEANO's front page title star.
- DEEP DOWN DADDY NEPTUNE** (cs)  
No. 47 (17.6.39) - No. 124 (7.12.40)  
Art: Basil Blackaller  
ANN: BB: 1941
- Others: FGY: 1987
- WILLY WILLIE WINKIE** (cs)  
No. 47 (17.6.39) - No. 100 (22.6.40)  
Art: Unknown  
ANN: BB: 1941-1942
- THE BULLDOG TRAIL** (st)  
No. 47 (17.6.39) - No. 62 (30.9.39)  
Synopsis: 'Grip' the bulldog on the trail of a wolverine that has killed his pal 'Baldy' the eagle.  
Art: Jack Glass  
Notes: This story had no proper ending when the page count was reduced with No. 63 (7.10.39). Another dog called 'Grip' (this time an alsatian) appeared in a BEANO picture story in 1952.
- THE LITTLE JOKER IN THE LAND OF NOD** (st)  
No. 53 (29.7.39) - No. 89 (6.4.40)  
Synopsis: Sammy B. Smart the most unruly boy at Ramshaw Orphanage is taken by Baron Wurz to the Land of Nod, the laziest country in the world, to liven up the inhabitants.  
Art: James 'Peem' Walker  
ANN: BB: 1941; MBB: 1949; 1950 (Titled 'The Little Joker and the Forty Winks')  
Notes: For a partial reprint of this series see 'Sammy B. Smart in the Land of Nod' in 1948.
- LADDIE LONGLEGS** (cs)  
No. 54 (5.8.39) - No. 64 (14.10.39)  
Art: Unknown
- HANDS OFF THE TALKING LAMB** (st)  
No. 60 (16.9.39) - No. 66 (28.10.39)  
Synopsis: In the Wild West a little girl called Mary seeks her missing brother with the help of a talking lamb.  
Art: James 'Peem' Walker
- JACK SPRAT'S BATTLE CAT** (st) [First Series]  
No. 67 (4.11.39) - No. 78 (20.1.40)  
Synopsis: Jack Sprat the kitchen boy and his bewitched giant cat Whiskers have to catch 5000 rats a week for ten weeks in order to earn 10,000 crowns from the miserly King Kasper of Robania or be executed if they fail.  
Art: James 'Peem' Walker



1. Whoopee Hank (Roland Davies, 1938); 2. Big Fat Joe (Allan Morley, 1938); 3. The Wishing Tree (George Ramsbottom, 1938).



4. Cracker Jack (Jack Glass, 1938); 5. Brave Captain Kipper (Torelli Brothers, 1938); 6. Morgyn the Mighty (George Anderson, 1938).





ANN: BB: 1941

Notes: For sequel see 'When will the Golden Peacock speak?' in 1940.

the tyrant Rudolph, and on the same night as the King disappeared the right hand of the statue of Varna the goddess of freedom vanished too. Prince Ivor, Greatheart's son, is told that while the hand is missing the Kingdom will never be free of tyranny and so he therefore sets out to find it.

COCKY DICK (HE'S SMART AND SLICK) (cs)

No. 69 (18.11.39) - No. 325 ((27.12.47)

Art: Allan Morley

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: BB: 1941-1942; MBB: 1943-1950

ANN: BB: 1951 (Titled 'Keeper of the Magic Sword')

Others: FGY: 1987

Notes: For the complex sequels to this story see 'The Whistling Scythe' (1940, as), 'The Whistling Scythe' (1942, as), 'Keeper of the Magic Sword' (1949, st), and finally 'The Boy with the Wonder Horse' (1950, st). The last two were also part sequels to the 1940 story 'The Black Witch is Waiting'. Finally also see 'The Vengeance of the Last Crusader' (1959).

FOLLOW THE SECRET HAND (st) [First Series]

(Prince Ivor)

No. 69 (18.11.39) - No. 81 (10.2.40)

Synopsis: When Greatheart the King of Arkania went missing during a fierce storm the country fell into the hands of

THE BEANO BOOK 1940

Data: Published September 1939; price 2/6; 136 pages

Front cover: Big Eggo and other characters on a see-saw supported by Pansy Potter, drawn by Dudley Watkins. Decorated spine of Lord Snooty also drawn by Dudley Watkins.

Back cover: Plain white.

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Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	8, 40, 128
Ping the Elastic Man	Hugh McNeill	16, 32
Hicky the Hare	(Foreign reprint)	17, 39, 83, 122
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	18, 48, 86
Wee Peem	James Jewell	20, 53, 124
Brave Captain Kipper	(Foreign reprint)	20, 84, 108
Whoopee Hank	Roland Davies	30, 82, 126
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* Ho Lummy	Phil Millar	36
(Wee Hi Lo from MAGIC COMIC)	(Foreign reprint)	37, 54, 110
* Tricky Dicky Ant	George Drysdale	38
* Benny Blowhard	Unknown	51, 80, 120
(Oompah Pete from MAGIC COMIC)	Basil Blackaller	52
* Dingo the Doggie	Unknown	21, 61, 109
* Hairy Dan	Unknown	55, 96, 112
* Boss and Bert	Sam Fair	56
* Rupert the Rabbit	Eric Roberts	62
Frosty McNab	Eric Roberts	62, 88
* Podge (from DANDY COMIC)	Reg Carter	71, 85
Helpful Henry	Eric Roberts	84
* Hard-Nut the Nigger	Reg Carter	88
Smiler the Sweeper	S.K. Perkins	88
Little Dead-Eye Dick	Charles Holt	111
Puffing Billy	Hugh McNeill	123
Monkey Tricks	Reg Carter	123
* Marmaduke Mean the Miser	Unknown	125

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Baldy Wins His Freedom	-	57
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The Flying Horse	James 'Peem' Walker	73
Cripple Charlie	Ian MacKay	89
Blackflash the Beaver	Richard 'Toby' Baines	101
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Picture Stories

Wild Boy of the Woods  
In the Land of the Silver Dwarfs

Richard 'Toby' Baines  
James 'Peem' Walker

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January

First 'Lord Snooty' strip with a war theme published in No. 76 (6.1.40).

April

'Doubting Thomas' begins, the first BEANO strip from Thomson staff artist James Crighton.

June

Page count reduced to 22 and then 20.

November

Page count reduced to 18.

December

Mussolini the Italian Fascist leader is given short shrift in the new comic strip 'Musso the Wop'.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos 76-127; price 2d; page count 24 from Nos. 76-97, 22 pages from Nos. 98-100, 20 pages from Nos. 101-119 and then 18 pages from Nos. 120-127.

Free gift: No. 90 (13.4.40) - 2 Licorice Black Eyes. [Note: this was the last free gift to be given away in THE BEANO for over twenty years!]

CHARACTERS

WHEN WILL THE GOLDEN PEACOCK SPEAK? (st)

[Second Series] (Jack Sprat)

No. 97 (27.1.40) - No. 89 (6.4.40)

Synopsis: In this sequel to 'Jack Sprat's Battle Cat' Jack and Whiskers go in search of the golden feathers of the Golden Peacock, feathers which when returned to the golden bird will allow it to tell the whereabouts of the kidnapped prince of Khar whose homeland in the meantime suffers under the tyranny of an evil Sultan.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

WINKEN AND BLINKEN (THE LITTLE DUTCH KIDS) (cs)

No. 82 (17.2.40) - No. 129 (11.1.41)

Art: Sam Fair

ANN: BB: 1941

PRINCE ON THE FLYING HORSE (cs) [Third Series]

No. 82 (17.2.40) - No. 126 (21.12.40)

Synopsis: Early sci-fi and a return to princely status for Dermot as he and

his flying horse Silverwing try to prevent a space-craft full of flying aliens taking over control of the earth.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1938)

THE BOY WITH THE MAGIC MASKS (st)

No. 82 (17.2.40) - No. 100 (22.6.40)

Synopsis: Adventures of the Indian boy Kip at Hornbridge School in England who has access to the 'Hall of a Thousand Faces' where there are masks which when worn change a person's personality.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: BB: 1941; MBB: 1949-1950

Notes: For reprint series see 1948.

DOUBTING THOMAS (cs)

No. 90 (13.4.40) - No. 174 (28.2.42)

Art: James Crighton

ANN: BB: 1942; MBB: 1943

Notes: Doubting Thomas returned to THE BEANO in 1950 as one of Lord Snooty's new pals.

TIGER TRAIL TO KANDABAR (as)

No. 90 (13.4.40) - No. 126 (21.12.40)

Synopsis: In the eastern city of Nampur Tarka the Tiger Boy takes the dangerous trail to Kandabar to find the keys which will release six honest officials from the iron masks in which they have been imprisoned by an evil Rajah.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

KEEPER OF THE CROOKED CROSS (st)

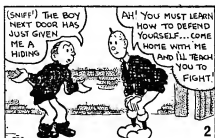
No. 90 (13.4.40) - No. 110 (31.8.40)

Synopsis: The warring clans in a Scottish glen set great store by what a mysterious voice emanating from a stone cairn embellished with a wooden cross says to them, little knowing that the voice is that of young Kenneth McDonnel who transmits his voice up through the cairn from a secret cave below it.

Art: George Ramsbottom

ANN: BB: 1941

# DOWN WITH LORD HAW-HAW



1. Down with Lord Haw-Haw (James Walker, 1940. NB: this feature usually drawn by Jack Glass); 2. Helpful Henry (Eric Roberts, 1938); 3. Tiger Trail to Kandahar (James Walker, 1940); 4. Little Dead-Eye Dick (Charles Holt, 1938); 5. Smiler the Sweeper (S.K. Perkins, 1938); 6. Dudley Watkins (1940).

# THE KING'S GOT A TAIL!



THE KING'S GOT A TAIL (st)

No. 90 (13.4.40) - No. 112 (14.9.40)

Synopsis: Until he proves his generosity to his people the miserly King Humbert is changed into a monkey by Fortuno the Magician.

Art: Dudley Watkins

DOWN WITH LORD HAW-HAW (st)

No. 101 (29.6.40) - No. 114 (28.9.40)

Synopsis: The boys of Northtown try to get the better of the Honourable Augustus Snobley and his thuggish bodyguards, nicknaming Snobley 'Lord Haw-Haw' because he sounds just like the Nazi propagandist from Hamburg and tells just as many lies.

Art: Jack Glass

CINDERELLA AND THE UGLY SISTERS (cs)

No. 109 (24.8.40) - No. 151 (14.6.41)

Art: Basil Blackaller

ANN: BB: 1942; MBB: 1944

A WONDERFUL BIRD IS BILL PELICAN (st)

No. 111 (7.9.40) - No. 126 (21.12.40)

Synopsis: The amazing jungle adventures of the world's biggest pelican and his little black pal.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

THE WHITE MOUSE WILL GET YOU (IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT)

(st) [First Series]

No. 113 (21.9.40) - No. 137 (8.3.41)

Synopsis: Thanks to a magic spell the local village bobby Sergeant Mulligan becomes a large white mouse called Nibbler from time to time.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: BB: 1942

Notes: For second series see 1941.

LITTLE NOAH'S ARK (st)

No. 115 (5.10.40) - No. 128 (4.1.41)

Synopsis: Noah Carter, an orphan in the Wild West, uses an old cabin that floats to rescue animals during a flood.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: BB: 1952 (as)

Notes: For picture strip version of this story see 1949, and for a further series in the prose format see 1952.

JUNGLE LEADER OF THE LITTLE LOST ONES (st)

[Second Series] (Tom Thumb)

No. 116 (12.10.40) - No. 129 (11.1.41)

Synopsis: Tom Thumb leads the Minns, a tribe of six-inch tall mini-men, across Africa to find them a new homeland after their island home is destroyed in an earthquake.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: See first 'Tom Thumb' series (1938).

BIG HKEP (cs)

No. 125 (14.12.40) - No. 177 (11.4.42)

Art: Basil Blackaller

ANN: BB: 1942; MBB: 1943-1947

Notes: THE BEANO's first redskin chum thirteen years before the arrival of 'Little Plum'.

MUSSO THE WOP (cs)

No. 127 (28.12.40) - No. 203 (10.4.43)

Art: Sam Fair

Others: FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989

THE WHISTLING SCYTHE (as)

[Second Series] (Prince Ivor)

No. 127 (28.12.40) - No. 130 (18.1.41)

Synopsis: In this spin-off from the 1939 story 'Follow the Secret Hand' Prince Ivor proves that with a scythe fashioned from his father Greatheart's sword he is Arkania's greatest warrior.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1942; MBB: 1946

Notes: For third series under this title see 1942.

THE BLACK WITCH IS WAITING (st)

No. 127 (28.12.40) - No. 147 (17.5.41)

Synopsis: King Dermene of the ancient land of Ish is cursed by a wicked witch and his son Ronald is turned into a statue of solid gold, leaving the land to be taken over by the wicked Prince Jago. To release the kingdom from Jago's tyranny Eldric, the minstrel boy with his magic talking harp, sets forth to track down the seven dwarfs who each must make an apple of gold to break the spell on Dermene and his son.

Art: George Ramsbottom

ANN: BB: 1942 (Titled 'Twelve Strings to Eldric's Bow')

Notes: For semi-sequels see 1949 ('Keeper of the Magic Sword') and 1950 ('The Boy with the Wonder Horse').

THE BEANO BOOK 1941

Data: Published September 1940; price 3/-; 144 pages.

Front cover: BEANO characters emerging from large eggs, drawn by Dudley Watkins. Spine decorated with Ping the Elastic Man, also drawn by Dudley Watkins.

Back cover: Lord Snooty, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
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Deep Down Daddy Neptune	Basil Blackaller	18, 27, 94
* Tough Nellie Duff	Roland Davies	23, 63, 108, 136
Contrary Mary	Roland Davies	24, 54, 113
Puffing Billy	Hugh McNeill	26
Rip Van Wink	Eric Roberts	28
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	32, 56, 143
Tricky Dicky Ant	(Foreign reprint)	39, 112
* Dingo the Doggie	Unknown	40, 66, 104
Ping the Elastic Man	Hugh McNeill	45
Wee Peem	James Jewell	48, 96, 116, 138
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	49, 61, 105, 140
Winken and Blinken	Sam Fair	52, 65, 119
Frosty McNab	Sam Fair	53, 139
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	55, 95, 120, 141
* Roland Ham and his Magic Dough	Basil Blackaller	60, 142
Hairy Dan	Basil Blackaller	62, 88, 107, 117
* Boss and Bert	Unknown	64
Wily Willie Winkie	Robert Mortimer	76, 106, 118
* Brainy Bill	Unknown	128

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Picture Stories

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February

Publication of the Thomson boys' paper SKIPPER ceases with issue No. 543 (1.2.41).

January

Page count reduced to 16.

First adventure strip drawn by Dudley Watkins anywhere appears as he draws the early episodes of the new 'Tom Thumb' picture strip.

'The March of the Wooden Soldiers' begins, featuring the first BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Fred Sturrock.

Publication of THE MAGIC COMIC ceases with issue No. 80 (25.1.41), an undoubted victim of the wartime paper shortage.

August

Due to the wartime paper shortages fortnightly publication schedules are introduced.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 128-169; price 2d; page count 18 to No. 128, then 16 pages from Nos. 129-169. BEANO published fortnightly from No. 161 (30.8.41) onwards.

CHARACTERS

TOM THUMB (cas) [Third Series]  
No. 131 (25.1.41) - No. 315 (9.8.47)



1. Lost Among the Silver Dwarfs (James Walker, 1940); 2. Hairy Dan (Basil Blackaller, 1940); 3. Wild Boy of the Woods (Richard Baines, 1940); 4. Hooky's Magic Bowler Hat (Charles Gordon, 1940); 5. Doubting Thomas (Unknown, 1940. NB: this feature usually drawn by James Crichton); 6. James Walker (1940).



## THE LITTLE JOKER IN THE LAND OF NOD



Synopsis: Tom's adventures continue but now in the picture strip format.

Art: Dudley Watkins/James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: See first series (1938)

Wilson to take control of a western ranch they have inherited.

Art: George Ramsbottom

THE MARCH OF THE WOODEN SOLDIERS (st)

No. 131 (25.1.41) - No. 146 (10.5.41)

Synopsis: Danger for Rondel the Barefoot Boy and the little country of Tronia when Mad King Karl of Hamsburg sends an army of fifty-feet high wooden soldiers to invade the country.

Art: Fred Sturrock

THE BOY WHO BOSSSED THE MAN IN THE MOON (st)

No. 138 (15.3.41) - No. 151 (14.6.41)

Synopsis: Sammy Dawson the first earth boy on the moon is given the job by the moon people, the Moonkins, of making sure that the lazy 'Man in the Moon' does his job of polishing up the moon reflectors, the devices which ensure that we on earth always get enough moonlight.

Art: James Crichton

ANN: BB: 1942 (Titled 'The Lazy Old Man in the Moon')

THE INVISIBLE GIANT (st)

No. 147 (17.5.41) - No. 170 (3.1.42)

Synopsis: Cedric the orphan helps the giant Calibar, made invisible by Nejd the wicked wizard, to find Zaid the Mysterious, the only one who can break the spell and allow Calibar to return to Giant-land.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: MBB: 1943, 1946

Notes: For further series with the same title but different storylines see 1949 (2 series) and 1957.

WALFS OF THE WILD WEST (st)

No. 148 (24.5.41) - No. 160 (23.8.41)

Synopsis: Mountie Bill Drummond helps two British youngsters Jack and Kitty

THE MAGIC LOLLIPOPS (SUCK 'EM AN SEE) (cs)  
[First Series]

No. 152 (21.6.41) - No. 306 (5.4.47)

Art: Allan Morley

ANN: MBB: 1943-1945, 1947-1950; BB: 1951-1953

Others: GY2: 1989

Notes: For second series see 1948.

BLACKSMITH BOB EATS HAY AT NIGHT (st)

No. 152 (21.6.41) - No. 168 (6.12.41)

Synopsis: Because of a spell put on him by a wizard, Black Bob the blacksmith of Bumbleswick turns into a horse every night at six o' clock.

Art: James Crichton

ANN: MBB: 1943

PLUCKY LITTLE NELL (st)

No. 161 (30.8.41) - No. 176 (28.3.42)

Synopsis: After her father is lost at Dunkirk little Nell Dawson looks after her invalid mother and uses Horace, one of her father's old ventriloquist dummies, to foil the criminal activities of her evil uncle Ned.

Art: Jack Prout

ANN: MBB: 1943

Notes: For a reworking of this story see 1952.

THE WHITE MOUSE WILL GET YOU (IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT)

(st) [Second Series]

No. 169 (20.12.41) - No. 182 (20.6.42)

Synopsis: More adventures of the police sergeant who is sometimes a mouse.

Art: James Crichton

ANN: See first series (1940)

THE BEANO BOOK 1942

Data: Published September 1941; price 3/6; 128 pages

Front cover: Lord Snooty playing the bagpipes whilst other characters dance, drawn by James Crichton.

Back cover: Hairy Dan, drawn by James Crichton.

Cartoons

Big Eggo  
Pansy Potter

Artist

Reg Carter  
Hugh McNeill

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 Doubting Thomas  
 Frosty McNab

Rip Van Wink  
 Lord Snooty  
 Tin-Can Tommy

Artist

Eric Roberts  
 Unknown  
 Basil Blackaller

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 Allan Morley  
 Eric Roberts  
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 Sam Fair

Eric Roberts  
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Picture Stories

Tom Thumb  
 The Whistling Scythe

James 'Peem' Walker  
 Jack Glass

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1942

THE WHISTLING SCYTHE (as)

[Third Series] (Prince Ivor)

No. 176 (28.3.42) - No. 187 (29.8.42)

Synopsis: More adventures with Prince Ivor of Arkania.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series under this title (1940).

NOBODY WANTED NANCY (st)

No. 177 (11.4.42) - No. 191 (24.10.42)

Synopsis: Young and motherless Nancy Robertson, tired of being looked down upon by the snobbish relatives with whom she lives, tries to discover what has happened to her father, Vox the clown.

Art: Jack Prout

JACK IN THE BOTTLE (st)

No. 183 (4.7.42) - No. 197 (16.1.43)

Synopsis: After being apprenticed to the Wizard of the Woods a young lad is able to move himself into and out of a small bottle.

Art: James Crighton

ANN: MBB: 1947

Notes: For reprint series see 'Bob in the Bottle' (1950).

LONE WOLF (as)

No. 188 (12.9.42) - No. 199 (13.2.43)

January

Page count reduced to 14.

March

'Handy Sandy' begins, the first regular BEANO strip from artist Arthur Jackson.

April

Page count reduced to 12.

September

First combined MAGIC-BEANO BOOK published.

November

'Jimmy's Mother Wouldn't Run Away' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Jack Gordon, elder brother of Charles 'Chick' Gordon.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 170-195; price 2d; page count 16 to No. 170, 14 pages from Nos. 171-177 and then 12 pages from Nos. 178-195; published fortnightly.

CHARACTERSHANDY SANDY (cs) [First Series]

No. 175 (14.3.42) - No. 199 (13.2.43)

Art: Arthur Jackson

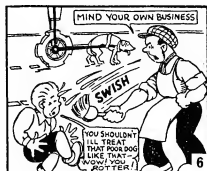
ANN: MBB: 1944-1947

Notes: For second series see 1944.





1. Pansy Potter (Basil Blackaller, 1942); 2. Big-Heap (Basil Blackaller, 1942); 3. The Magic Lollipops (Allan Morley, 1942); 4. Good King Coke (Eric Roberts, 1945); 5. Deep-Down Daddy Neptune (Basil Blackaller, 1940); 6. Willy Willie Winkie (Unknown, 1940); 7. The Prince on the Flying Horse (Jack Glass, 1940); 8. The Boy with the Magic Masks (Dudley Watkins, 1940); 9. Cinderella (Basil Blackaller, 1940).



Synopsis: The adventures of a masked lawman in the Wild West.

Art: Dudley Watkins

Notes: This series was reprinted under the title 'The Outlaw Sheriff' in the boys paper ADVENTURE in Nos. 1343-1358 (1950), and 'Lone Wolf' also returned in new adventures in a strip in the early issues of the BEEZER (1956-1957), drawn by Ron Smith.

JIMMY'S MOTHER WOULDN'T RUN AWAY (st)

No. 192 (7.11.42) - No. 208 (19.6.43)

Synopsis: Jimmy Allen (a twelve-year old British boy) and his mother are evacuated to a small town in the U.S.A. only to find that it is under the control of the widow of a Chicago gangster, a woman who takes an instant dislike to the Allens and swears to run them out of town.

Art: Jack Gordon

### THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1943

Data: Published September 1942; price 5/- (advertised as 5/6); 128 pages.

Front cover: Koko the Pup and Big Eggo leading in a three-legged race, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Tootsy McTurk, drawn by James Crighton

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Big Eggo and Koko the Pup	James Crighton	5
Pansy Potter	Basil Blackaller	6, 72, 125
m Sooty Snowball	Robert MacGillivray	7, 102
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	8, 112
Big Eggo	Reg Carter	25, 73, 99, 121
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	26, 78
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	28, 52, 76, 100
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	30, 49, 97, 123
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	31, 80, 127
Big Heep	Basil Blackaller	32, 103
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	40, 74, 98, 126
m Tootsy McTurk	John R. Mason	47, 64
Doubting Thomas	James Crighton	48
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	50
m Dirty Dick	Unknown	51, 104
m Dick Turpentine	Basil Blackaller	54, 75
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	55
m Softy Sam	Allan Morley	56, 122
The Magic Lollipops	Allan Morley	120, 124

### Picture Stories

Tom Thumb	Dudley Watkins	15
m Robin Hood	James 'Peem' Walker	41
Wild Boy of the Woods	Richard 'Toby' Baines	87

### Stories

Plucky Little Nell	Jack Prout	9
m Gulliver: Lamp Posts in Lilliput	Dudley Watkins	21
The Big Bath at Bong	Dudley Watkins	93
m Kipper Feet	James Clark	33
The Invisible Giant	George 'Dod' Anderson	57
The Eight-Wheeled Dispatch Rider	Unknown	65
Blacksmith Bob Eats Hay at Night	James Crighton	81
The Ball that Baffled Bully		
Bunbridge	James Clark	105
Ben-Ali - The Snake Charmer	Unknown	113

(m = a MAGIC COMIC strip or story).

# 1943

## February

First appearance of BEANO adventure strip favourite 'The Shipwrecked Circus'.

### YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 196-221; price 2d; page count 12; published fortnightly.

### CHARACTERS

#### THE GOAT WITH MAGIC WAND (st)

No. 198 (30.1.43) - No. 215 (25.9.43)

Synopsis: The wizard Zomba is accidentally turned into a goat for six months by his young assistant Simple Simon.

Art: James Crighton

ANN: MBR: 1946

#### THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [First Series]

No. 200 (27.2.43) - No. 221 (18.12.43)

Synopsis: When the cargo ship 'Margo' sinks in the South Seas the Samson travelling circus (consisting of Samson the Strongman, his young assistant Danny, Gloopy the clown, Trixie the girl acrobat and Horace the educated chimp) find themselves castaway on Crusoe Island.

Art: Dudley Watkins (Nos. 200-212)  
Jack Prout (Nos. 213-221)

ANN: MBR: 1948 (as); BB: 1954 (as), 1956 (st), 1957-1958 (as), 1962 (as)

Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987

Notes: For further series see 1946, 1951, 1955, 1957 and 1958, the last being a reprint.

This first BEANO 'Shipwrecked Circus' series also appeared as a prose story in the boys paper

ADVENTURE from No. 1115 (9.9.44) - No. 1128 (10.3.45). The title 'The Shipwrecked Circus' was first used for another ADVENTURE prose story featuring totally different characters which began in ADVENTURE No. 372 (15.12.28).

After its final BEANO appearance in 1958 the basic storyline was used again in the boys comic BUDDY in a strip titled 'Circus Island' [BUDDY No. 18 (13.6.81) - No. 26 (8.8.81)], the only real difference being that the 'Circus' ends up on the island thanks to a plane crash instead of a shipwreck. This BUDDY strip was drawn by Uzal.

#### THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN VOICE (st)

No. 209 (3.7.43) - No. 221 (18.12.43)

Synopsis: In the Wild West a young girl called Betty, with a beautiful singing voice, is entrusted into the hands of a crooked horse doctor and his wife when she is separated from her parents during an Indian raid.

Art: Jack Prout

Notes: For a reprint of this story see 'In the Clutches of the Wicked Wilsons' in 1952.

#### KITTY WITH THE COAT OF MANY COLOURS (st)

No. 216 (9.10.43) - No. 226 (26.2.44)

Synopsis: Little Kitty, a young girl with a magic colour-changing camouflage cloak, tries to track down the Golden Stag with a secret message hidden in its antlers. This message can be used to usurp the wicked King Conrad as it tells how he came to the throne by having his brother's son cast into the forest to die.

Art: James Crighton

Notes: A story with a similar theme had appeared in the 1942 BEANO BOOK under the title 'Red Riding Hood's Rainbow Cloak'.

### THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1944

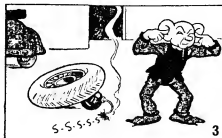
Data: Published September 1943; price 6/-; 120 pages.

Front cover: Big Eggo and Koko the Pup sitting on a pole having a pillow fight, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Rip Van Wink, drawn by James Crighton

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Big Eggo and Koko	James Crighton	5
Fansy Potter	Basil Blackaller	6, 43, 80, 112, 119
Handy Sandy	Arthur Jackson	7, 17, 47, 118
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	8, 40, 72
m Tootsy McTurk	John R. Mason	16, 42, 105
Cinderella	Basil Blackaller	18, 102
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	20, 36, 84, 100, 116
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	22, 48, 83
* Baby Bustem the 7 HP Kid	Allan Morley (r: ADVENTURE)	31, 63, 111

# THE BOY WHO BOSSSED THE MAN IN THE MOON



1. James Crighton (1941);
2. Frosty MacNabb (Sam Fair, 1940);
3. Rip Van Wink (James Crighton, 1945);
4. Musso the Wop (Sam Fair, 1942);
5. Handy Sandy (Arthur Jackson, 1942);
6. Jimmy and his Magic Patch (Dudley Watkins, 1945);
7. Plucky Little Nell (Jack Prout, 1942).



Cartoons (continued)

	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Big Heap	Basil Blackaller	32, 35, 80, 104, 119
Hairy Dan	Basil Blackaller	32, 56, 78, 88, 118
Big Eggo	Reg Carter	33, 73
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	34, 64, 79
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	38, 46, 82
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	39, 86
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	41, 81, 113
m The Tickle Twins	Robert MacGillivray	44, 76
m Sooty Snowball	Robert MacGillivray	74, 87, 115
* Stanley Sting the Wasp	Hugh McNeill	75, 106, 114
The Magic Lollipops	Allan Morley	78, 88

Stories

When Simon showed up at the Dog Show	James Clark	9
m Gulliver: The Paraffin Oil Plot	Dudley Watkins	27
Baron Bawler's Black-out	Dudley Watkins	107
Mr. Minton's "Mint" Toffee	James Clark	49
Teddy's Good Deeds	James Clark	57
When Roger Rowed Away	Unknown	65
m Young Buffalo Bill	Jack Gordon	93

Picture Stories

Tom Thumb	Dudley Watkins	23, 89
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□ **1944** □

January

First appearance of BEANO adventure strip favourite 'Jimmy and His Magic Patch'.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 222-248; price 2d; page count 12; published fortnightly.

CHARACTERSJIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [First Series]

No. 222 (1.1.44) - No. 239 (26.8.44)

Synopsis: On his way to school one day, young Jimmy Watson saves an old gypsy's cat from the jaws of a bull terrier, tearing his pants in the process. Suitably grateful, the gypsy fixes his pants with a piece cut from a magic carpet, henceforward giving Jimmy the ability to travel back into history just by thinking about it.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: MBB: 1945, 1947-1950; BB: 1951-1953, 1958-1960 (r), 1961, 1963 (r).

Others: BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987; BC: 1988; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For further series see 1945, 1947, 1950, 1955 (r), 1956 (r), 1957 (r) and 1959, and for more information see the special 'Jimmy and His Magic Patch' section of this volume (Special Section 2).

KING KONG CHARLIE (st)

No. 222 (1.1.44) - No. 235 (1.7.44)

Synopsis: Johnny Russell, a young boy on the run from the welfare authorities in New York, meets and befriends a showman called Whitey and his ape King Kong Charlie.

Art: Jack Gordon

ANN: MBB: 1945-1948

WUN TUN JOE (st)

No. 227 (11.3.44) - No. 241 (23.9.44)

Synopsis: Adventures of a plump little Chinese boy at Greytowers public school.

Art: James Crighton

ANN: BB: 1942; MBB: 1945-1946

THE WICKED UNCLE AND THE TERRIBLE TWINS (st)

No. 236 (15.7.44) - No. 253 (10.3.45)

Synopsis: When their father is lost on an expedition, Peter and Pam Fraser have to try and stop their South American ranch from falling into the hands of their wicked uncle Ezra.

Art: Jack Prout

STRANG THE TERRIBLE (as)

No. 240 (9.9.44) - No. 253 (10.3.45)

Synopsis: Adventures in South America with the strongest man in the world as he searches for the lost city of Goz.

Art: Dudley Watkins HANDY SANDY (cs) [Second Series]  
 ANN: MBB: 1945 (as), 1947 (st) No. 242 (7.10.44) - No. 255 (10.2.45)  
 Notes: This strip was reprinted twice, Art: Arthur Jackson  
 first in the boys paper ADVENTURE Nos. 1310-1327 (1950), and second ANN: See first series (1942)  
 retitled 'Morgyn the Mighty' in the boys paper ROVER Nos. 1646-1661 (1957).  
WHITEFANG GUARDS THE SECRET GOLD (st)  
 No. 242 (7.10.44) - No. 255 (7.4.45)  
 Synopsis: In the forest one day young Bart saves a golden retriever from a trap and is repaid for his kindness by having the dog bring him gold and jewels from a secret horde.  
 Strang the Terrible's first appearance was in the prose story format in the boys paper ADVENTURE in issue Nos. 775-792 (1936-1937).  
 Before his serial debut in THE BEANO No. 240, Strang had already made a one-off BEANO appearance in a 'Jimmy and his Magic Patch' adventure in BEANO No. 233. Art: James Crighton

#### THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1945

Data: Published September 1944; price 6/-; 120 pages.

Front cover: Koko the Pup leap-frogging over Big Eggo, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Pansy Potter, drawn by James Crighton

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Numbers</u>
Big Eggo and Koko	James Crighton	5
Pansy Potter	Basil Blackaller	6, 74, 116
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	7, 79, 119
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	8, 105
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	24, 80
* Baby Bustem	Allan Morley (r: ADVENTURE)	31, 117
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	32, 81
Big Eggo	Reg Carter	33, 113
m Tootsy McTurk	John R. Mason	34, 82
m Sooty Snowball	Robert MacGillivray	35, 118
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	36, 76
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	44
Handy Sandy	Arthur Jackson	46, 78
* Stanley Sting the Wasp	Hugh McNeill	47, 106
* Playful Pete	Basil Blackaller	48, 114
The Magic Lollipops	Allan Morley	55, 117
* Smokey Joe	Basil Blackaller	56, 115
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	73
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	75
Big Heep	Basil Blackaller	104

#### Stories

The Flying Horse	James 'Peem' Walker	9
King Kong Charlie	James 'Peem' Walker	17
Johnny's Magic Rocking Horse	Sam Fair	25
Nemo the Nameless	Jack Prout	49
m Young Buffalo Bill	Jack Prout	57
Wun Tun Joe	James Crighton	65
The Rogue Hero	James Clark	89
How Boxer pulled them Through	James Clark	97

#### Picture Stories

Jimmy and His Magic Patch	Dudley Watkins	38
Strang the Terrible	Dudley Watkins	83
Tom Thumb	George 'Dod' Anderson	107

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# 1945

Art: Basil Blackaller

ANN: MBB: 1947

## April

'Artful Grannie Green' begins featuring the last BEANO work from Thomson staff artist Charles 'Chick' Gordon.

### YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos 249-274; price 2d; page count 12; published fortnightly.

### CHARACTERS

#### SIX BRANDS FOR BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE (as)

No. 254 (24.3.45) - No. 264 (11.8.45)

Synopsis: During the days of the Spanish Armada a Spanish galleon loaded with treasure sank near the isle of Mull in Tobermory Bay, and years later the MacClean of Calgary found the treasure and tattooed its whereabouts on the backs of his six sons. It is therefore the task of Red Fergie and young Coll MacDonald to track down the six MacClean sons in order to find the treasure and use it to help finance the cause of Bonnie Prince Charlie, a cause to which the MacCleans are vehemently opposed.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: MBB: 1947 (Titled 'Red Fergie's Army')

#### THE BOY THAT NOBODY WANTED (st)

No. 254 (24.3.45) - No. 267 (22.9.45)

Synopsis: Because his father is a notorious rustler and gunman, young Bob Steele has to cope with the prejudice of the townspeople of the western town of Red Gulch.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

#### SMART ALEC (cs)

No. 256 (21.4.45) - No. 264 (11.8.45)

#### GOOD KING COKE (cs) [Second Series]

No. 256 (21.4.45) - No. 300 (28.12.46)

Art: Eric Roberts

ANN: See first series (1938)

#### ARTFUL GRANNIE GREEN (st)

No. 256 (21.4.45) - No. 281 (6.4.46)

Art: Charles 'Chick' Gordon

ANN: See first series (1938)

Notes: This is a reprint of the 1938 series.

#### JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Second Series]

No. 265 (25.8.45) - No. 299 (14.12.46)

Synopsis: More adventures in the past with Jimmy Watson. See Special Section 2 of this volume for more details.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: See first series (1944)

#### TICK-TOCK TIMOTHY (st)

No. 268 (6.10.45) - No. 281 (6.4.46)

Synopsis: Toymaker's daughter Peggy, with the help of her father's life-size clockwork soldier creation called Timothy, sets out to rescue her father from the clutches of the wicked King Bluster of Algonia.

Art: Jack Prout

ANN: MBB: 1947

Notes: For picture strip version of this story see 1956.

### THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1946

Data: Published September 1945; price 6/-; 120 pages.

Front cover: Big Eggo with Koko the Pup on his back pulling other BEANO characters along in a cart, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Snitch and Snatch, drawn by James Crighton.

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
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Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	6, 56, 103
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	7, 72
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	8, 47, 75, 119
Pansy Potter	Basil Blackaller	16
* Baby Bustem	Allan Morley	21, 32, 101
Cinderella	(r: ADVENTURE)	
m Tootsy McTurk	Basil Blackaller	22, 86, 114
Big Eggo	John R. Mason	24
	Reg Carter	33, 113

<u>Cartoons</u> (continued)	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
* Stanley Sting the Wasp	Hugh McNeill	34, 74
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	41, 102
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	42
Handy Sandy	Arthur Jackson	43, 104, 118
* Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	44, 76, 116
* Playful Pete	Basil Blackaller	46, 64, 88
m Sooty Snowball	Robert MacGillivray	48
Big Heep	Basil Blackaller	55
Hairy Dan	Basil Blackaller	71
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	73
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	84

### Stories

The Goat with the Magic Wand	James Crighton	9
m Gulliver: Fire! Fire!	Dudley Watkins	17
Baking Day in Bool	Dudley Watkins	97
Johnny's Magic Touch	James Clark	25
Wun Tun Joe	Unknown	49
King Kong Charlie	Jack Gordon	57
The Invisible Giant	James Clark	65
m Young Buffalo Bill	George 'Dod' Anderson	89
Danny read more than Books	Unknown	105

### Picture Stories

The Whistling Scythe	Jack Glass	35
Tom Thumb	James 'Peem' Walker	78

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□ 1946 □

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See 1938 series

Notes: Reprints from the 1938 series.

### June

'Polly Wolly Doodle' begins featuring the first BEANO work from Thomson staff artist George Drysdale.

### POLLY WOLLY DOODLE (AND HER GREAT BIG POODLE) (cs)

No. 286 (15.6.46) - No. 306 (5.4.47)

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: MBB: 1949

Notes: In 1950 Polly and her 'poodle' Pongo returned as members of Lord Snooty's new gang.

### September

Dudley Watkins begins to sign his work with 'Lord Snooty' in No. 292 (7.9.46) and 'Jimmy and His Magic Patch' and 'Tom Thumb' in No. 293 (21.9.46).

### Undateable 1946 information

George Moonie returns as Editor, replacing stand-in Stuart Gilchrist.

### YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 275-300; price 2d; page count 12; published fortnightly.

### CHARACTERS

### THE WITCH'S SPELL ON POOR KING KELL! (st)

No. 282 (20.4.46) - No. 293 (21.9.46)

Synopsis: King Kell of Mercia's dog kills the cat of Zora the witch and as a punishment the witch puts a spell on the King which makes him turn into all sorts of animals.

Art: Jack Prout

### SAMMY SHRINKO (cs)

No. 287 (29.6.46) - No. 335 (15.5.48)

Art: Allan Morley

ANN: MBB: 1949-1950

### SOOTY SOLOMON (st)

No. 293 (21.9.46) - No. 314 (26.7.47)

Synopsis: Adventures of a big black cat and his young friends from the Muffin Alley School after he inherits a shop in the will of old Betty Goodheart.

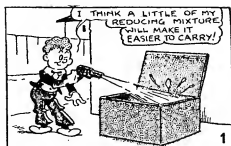
### THE WISHING TREE (st)

No. 282 (20.4.46) - No. 292 (7.9.46)

Art: Jack Prout

ANN: MBB: 1948-1949





## KING KONG CHARLIE



1. Sammy Shrinko (Allan Morley, 1946); 2. Lord Snooty (Dudley Watkins, 1947); 3. Jack Gordon (1944); 4. The Shipwrecked Circus (Dudley Watkins, 1947); 5. Jack Prout (1947).



BEN O' THE BEANSTALK (st)

No. 294 (5.10.46) - No. 302 (25.1.47)

Synopsis: When young Ben Fearless is given some beanstalk-producing beans by Jack of the Beanstalk he tries to sell them so that his father and friends can buy provisions and weapons to help in their fight with the evil Baron Hugo.

Art: Jack Prout

THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [Second Series]

No. 300 (28.12.46) - No. 322 (15.11.47)

Synopsis: More adventures on Crusoe Island.

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: See first series (1943).

STICKY WILLIE (cs)

No. 300 (28.12.46) - No. 303 (8.2.47)

Art: Unknown

THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1947Data: Published September 1946; price 6/-; 128 pages.Front cover: Koko the Pup with cricket bat in his paw. Big Eggo with cricket bat stuck in his throat, with Hairy Dan looking into Eggo's beak. Drawn by James Crighton.Back cover: The Tick-Tock Twins (Tin-Can Tommy), drawn by James Crighton.

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Big Eggo	Reg Carter	5, 121
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	6
Hairy Dan	Basil Blackaller	7
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	8
* Baby Bustem	Allan Morley	16, 24, 72
	(r: ADVENTURE)	
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	25, 73
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	26, 40, 79
The Magic Lollipops	Allan Morley	27, 64, 104, 122
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	28
Little Nell and Peter Pell	Allan Morley	30, 74
Smart Alec	Basil Blackaller	31
m Sooty Snowball	Robert MacGillivray	32, 127
Handy Sandy	Arthur Jackson	48, 88
m Tootsy McTurk	John R. Mason	49, 114
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	50, 78, 113, 124
Big Heep	Basil Blackaller	75
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	76
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	80, 96
Pansy Potter	Basil Blackaller	103, 126
* Larry Less and Less		
(The Shrinking Boy)	Allan Morley	123
* Peter Pudd and Sammy Snake	George Drysdale	125

Stories

m Young Buffalo Bill	Unknown	9
Tick-Tock Timothy	Fred Sturrock	17
The King and the Key	James Clark	33
Jack in the Bottle	James Clark	41
Detective Marjorie	Richard 'Toby' Baines	57
Happy Andy	Fred Sturrock	65
The Wild Boy teaches the Teacher	Unknown	81
King Kong Charlie	Unknown	89
Strang Hunts Zebras and Zulus	Unknown	105

Picture Stories

Jimmy and His Magic Patch	Dudley Watkins	51
Red Fergie's 'Army'	Dudley Watkins	97
Tom Thumb	James Clark	115

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January

Kent-based freelance artist Allan Morley signs his work with his initials for the first time with No. 301 (11.1.47)

February

First appearance of 'Alf Wit the Ancient Brit' featuring the first BEANO work from artist Bill Holroyd.

March

A month elapses between issues 305 and 306 as the scheduled issue for 22nd is not published due to production and distribution problems.

April

Page count reduced to 10 (the final reduction of pages due to the paper shortage).

June

No. 311 (14.6.47) is the first issue to give co-publishing credit for THE BEANO to John Leng. (The John Leng in question having been Sir John Leng [1828-1906] who started publishing in Dundee in 1852 and who had once been notable as the first publisher to attempt illustrations in a daily newspaper).

December

Last Peanut front page title logo appears (see BEANO logo history section).

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos 301-325; price 2d; page count 12 from Nos. 301-306, then 10 pages from Nos. 307-325; published fortnightly.

CHARACTERS

WAVY DAVY AND HIS NAVY (cs)

No. 301 (11.1.47) - No. 316 (23.8.47)

Art: Dudley Watkins/Basil Blackaller

ANN: MBB: 1949

THE KING ON THE FLYING HORSE (st)

No. 303 (8.2.47) - No. 314 (26.7.47)

Art: Jack Prout

Notes: Edited reprint of the 1939 series.

ALF WIT THE ANCIENT BRIT (cs)

No. 304 (22.2.47) - No. 306 (5.4.47)

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: MBB: 1949; BB: 1951-1952

Notes: Devised under the working title 'Og the Caveman'.

FREDDY FLIPPERFEET (cs)

No. 315 (9.8.47) - No. 331 (20.3.48)

Art: Reg Carter

ANN: MBB: 1949-1950

THE RUNAWAY RUSSELLS (st)

No. 315 (9.8.47) - No. 326 (10.1.48)

Synopsis: In the Old West orphans Peter and Patsy Russell run away from the house of their wicked aunt and go to live in the backwoods with their grandfather Reuben.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: MBB: 1949

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Third Series]

No. 316 (23.8.47) - No. 354 (5.2.49)

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: See first series (1944)

Notes: Last series of this strip drawn by Dudley Watkins.

MAXY'S TAXI (cs)

No. 317 (6.9.47) - No. 482 (13.10.51)

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: MBB: 1949-1950; BB: 1951-1953

Others: BEANO No. 2000

THE MAGIC PENNY (st)

No. 317 (6.9.47) - No. 326 (10.1.48)

Synopsis: In an old wishing well in Tuckleberry Wood a magic penny is found which grants anyone who holds it anything they desire.

Art: Jack Prout

ANN: MBB: 1949

WILD BOY OF THE WOODS (as) [Second Series]

No. 323 (29.11.47) - No. 356 (5.3.49)

Synopsis: More adventures of the boy from the woods when he comes to stay in Portford a harbour town in the South of England.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: See first series (1938)

THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1948

Data: Published September 1947; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Characters playing musical instruments as they march along, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: The Tickler Twins, drawn by James Crighton.

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
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The Magic Lollipops	Allan Morley	6, 54, 126
Rip Van Wink	James Crighton	7, 98
Hairy Dan	Basil Blackaller	8, 75
Tin-Can Tommy	Sam Fair	24, 74
Big Eggo	Reg Carter	25, 73, 121
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	24, 48, 112
m Tell Tale Tilly	Unknown	40
m Koko the Pup	James Crighton	49, 97
m Uncle Dan	Unknown	50, 88, 119
Good King Coke	Eric Roberts	51, 127
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	52, 124
m Inky, Bink and Fluff	Reg Carter	55, 96
Pansy Potter	Basil Blackaller/ James Crighton	56, 78
m Dolly Dimple	Allan Morley	63, 79, 120
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	64
m Wee Hi-Lo	Phil Millar	72
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	76, 122
Little Nell and Peter Pell	Allan Morley	80

Stories

m Young Buffalo Bill	Unknown	9
How Toby Made Good	Sam Fair	17
Sooty Solomon and Santa Claus	James Clark	33
The Smuggler's Secret	Unknown	41
The Boy who couldn't Skate	Unknown	65
The Secret of the Cave	Unknown	81
King Kong Charlie	James Clark	89
Bobby's Record Run	Sam Fair	105
Tommy Tipper and the Five Dwarfs	James Clark	113

Picture Stories

Jimmy and His Magic Patch	Dudley Watkins	27
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1948

December

'Lucky Streak' published, featuring the last BEANO work from artist Sam Fair.

January

Publication of last 'Big Eggo' cover strip.

'Winnie the Witch' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist James Clark.

'Peter the Penguin' begins featuring the last BEANO artwork from freelance artist Reg Carter.

Due to the paper shortage the page size of THE BEANO is reduced from its original 8.5 inches x 12 inches to 7 inches x 11.75 inches.

First appearance of new BEANO cover star 'Biffo the Bear'.

October

Page count returned to 12 but only on alternative fortnights.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 326-351; price 2d; page count 10 from Nos. 326-344, then 12 pages in alternate issues (i.e. 12 pages in Nos. 345, 347, 349, 351, and 10 pages in Nos. 346, 348, 350); published fortnightly.

CHARACTERS

WINNIE THE WITCH (cs)

No. 326 (10.1.48) - No. 343 (4.9.48)

Art: James Clark

ANN: MBB: 1950; BB: 1952

PETER PENGUIN (cs)

No. 326 (10.1.48) - No. 361 (14.5.49)

Art: Reg Carter

ANN: MBB: 1950

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: MBB: 1950; BB: 1952

BIFFO THE BEAR (cs) [First Series]

No. 327 (24.1.48) - No. 2310 (25.10.86), then No. 2445 (27.5.89) - present

Art: Dudley Watkins, Nos. 327-1422, then Dave Sutherland and latterly Jimmy Glen. Biffo's re-appearance from 1989 is drawn by Sid Burgon.

Covers: Last front cover appearance No. 1677 (7.9.74)

ANN: MBB: 1949-1950; BB: 1949-1989

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1986, 1988-1990; BPB: 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11; BC: 1986, 1988; BT: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r); SP: 1976 (r); HC: 1986; FGI: 1987; GY2: 1989; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: After his appearance in No. 2310, Biffo did appear in three more new strips drawn by Jimmy Glen in Nos. 2315, 2322, 2337 in the 'Readers Request' feature and in one reprint strip by Dudley Watkins in the 'Old Masters' feature in No. 2399. Biffo finally reappeared for a second series in THE BEANO on a regular weekly basis from No. 2445 (27.5.89).

Biffo's long-time chum Buster first appeared in BEANO No. 575 (25.7.53).

Biffo appeared in two pocket-sized nursery-style TWINKLE books in the early 1980s titled 'Biffo the Bear' and 'Biffo the Carpenter' - both were drawn by Bill Ritchie.

Biffo occasionally appeared in the nursery strip featuring his two nephews 'Cuddly and Dudley' in the revived MAGIC COMIC in the years 1976-1979, drawn by the Glaswegian artist Turnbull.

At the time of writing, with a nearly 39 year-long weekly run, Biffo still holds the record as THE BEANO's longest-running continuous strip.

SAMMY B. SMART IN THE LAND OF NOD (st)

No. 327 (24.1.48) - No. 335 (15.5.48)

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See original series (1939)

Notes: Partial reprint of the 1939 story 'The Little Joker in the Land of Nod'.

COCKY JOCK (cs)

No. 332 (3.4.48) - No. 353 (22.1.49)

SWANKY LANKY LIZ (cs)

No. 336 (29.5.48) - No. 368 (6.8.49)

Art: Charles Holt

ANN: MBB: 1949-1950; BB: 1951

Notes: Liz returned as a member of Lord Snooty's new gang in 1950.

THE BOY WITH THE MAGIC MASKS (st)

No. 336 (29.5.48) - No. 342 (21.8.48)

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See original series (1940)

Notes: Partial reprint of 1940 story.

SMARTY SMOKUM (AND HIS PIPE OF PEACE) (cs)

No. 337 (12.6.48) - No. 385 (3.12.49)

Art: Allan Morley

ANN: MBB: 1950; BB: 1951

STR TOM THUMB (as) [Fourth Series] (Tom Thumb)

No. 343 (4.9.48) - No. 356 (5.3.49)

Synopsis: Tom Thumb is given certain tasks to perform to prove himself worthy of being dubbed an English Knight by the King.

Art: James Crighton

ANN: See first series (1938).

THE HUNGRY GOODWINS (st)

No. 343 (4.9.48) - No. 352 (8.1.49)

Synopsis: Two children in search of their father, Jeff and Nell Goodwin, are helped by Dick Turpin the legendary highwayman.

Art: Fred Sturrock

Notes: For picture strip reprint of the above see 1951. A similar story in strip form entitled 'Runaways with Turpin' appeared in 1955. Dick Turpin returned again in picture strip form as a special investigator in 1959.

HAIKY HUGH AND HIS COCKATOO (cs)

No. 343 (4.9.48) - No. 361 (14.5.49)

Art: Basil Blackaller

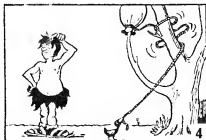
THE MAGIC LOLLIPOPS (cs) [Second Series]

No. 344 (18.9.48) - No. 475 (25.8.51)

Art: Allan Morley



1. King on the Flying Horse (Jack Prout, 1947); 2. The Invisible Giant (James Clark, 1949); 3. Polly Wolly Doodle (George Drysdale, 1947); 4. Alf Wit (Bill Holroyd, 1947); 5. Sticky Willie (Unknown, 1947); 6. Keeper of the Magic Sword (Fred Sturrock, 1949).



THE PASTE HAS MADE THE DOGGY ILL, SO STICKY ALTERS HIS OLD BILL.



ANN: See first series (1941)

CAN GUY FOX YOU? (F)

No. 347 (30.10.48) - one-off feature

Synopsis: Guy Fawkes puzzles.

BIG BILL THE MASCOT NOBODY WANTED (st)

No. 345 (2.10.48) - one-off feature

Synopsis: This, the first of a series of one-off lucky mascot stories, tells of Simba a young cabin boy on a pearl fishing boat in the Indian Ocean who adopts a pelican as a pet, much to the annoyance of the rest of the crew.

Art: Fred Sturrock

HIGH GUY THE MASCOT WITH A LUCKY TAIL (st)

No. 349 (27.11.48) - one-off feature

Synopsis: How a plucky little squirrel saves the lives of two steeple-jacks.

Art: Fred Sturrock

JUMPING JENNY (st)

No. 347 (30.10.48) - one-off feature

Synopsis: Another mascot story, this time in which a kangaroo and a koala bear become the mascots of some Australian gold miners.

Art: Jack Gordon

LUCKY STREAK (st)

No. 351 (25.12.48) - one-off feature

Synopsis: On board the whaling ship Barga a stowaway cat has trouble with the cat-hating captain.

Art: Sam Fair

THE MAGIC-BEANO BOOK 1948

Data: Published September 1948; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo and other characters standing in front of Maxy's Taxi, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Freddy Flipperfeet, drawn by James Crighton

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* Cock Sparrer	Charles Holt	16, 23, 119
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Big Eggo	George Drysdale	25, 121
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m Koko the Pup	George Drysdale	49, 97
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m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	54, 126
m Peter Piper	Dudley Watkins	56, 98
Swanky Lanky Liz	Charles Holt	63, 125
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* Sly Guy Fox	Allan Morley	76
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1949

CHARACTERS

KEEPER OF THE MAGIC SWORD (st)

[Fourth Series] (Prince Ivor)

No. 353 (22.1.49) - No. 363 (11.6.49)

Synopsis: In a semi-sequel to the 1939 story 'Follow the Secret Hand', Eldric the Blacksmith's boy keeps the sword of the dead King Greatheart in safe keeping while waiting for the exiled Prince Ivor to return to wrest the throne of Marania from the clutches of evil King Otto.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See first series (1939), titled 'Follow the Secret Hand'.

BLACKFLASH THE BEAVER (st)

No. 353 (22.1.49) - one-off

Synopsis: In Newfoundland, the adventures of the mascot with the best set of teeth in the world.

Art: Jack Gordon

HAVE-A-GO-JOE (cs) [First Series]

No. 354 (5.2.49) - No. 458 (28.4.51)

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1951-1953

Notes: For further series see 'The Beano Cinema' (1951)

JACK FLASH - THE FLYING BOY (as)

[First Series]

No. 355 (19.2.49) - No. 388 (24.12.49)

Synopsis: The town of Colbay in Cornwall is visited by Jack Flash, the flying boy from Mercury with wings on his feet.

Art: Dudley Watkins: Nos. 355-366

Fred Sturrock: Nos. 367-388

ANN: BB: 1951-1954; 1958, 1959 (r), 1960

Others: BEANO No. 2000 (15.11.80)

Notes: For further series see 1950-1951 and 1955-1958

'Jack Flash' returned in a series of new strips in the boys' comic NUTTY in 1980-1981, drawn by Sandy Calder, and earlier in 1973 his female counterpart 'Jackie Flash' appeared in the girls' comic MANDY in a series drawn by Terry Rogers.

BUSTER - THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MASCOT (st)

No. 355 (19.2.49) - one-off

Synopsis: In the Sahara Desert the men of the foreign legion fort of Aziba have to cope with their stubborn mascot,

February

First appearance of popular BEANO adventure strip character 'Jack Flash - the Flying Boy' featuring the last new BEANO adventure strip art from Dudley Watkins.

March

After five months of alternating ten and twelve page issues, the page count stabilises at twelve.

'The Taylors' Goose' appears, featuring the last BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Jack Prout.

April

'Sam Spitfire' appears, featuring the last BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Jack Gordon.

'Big Eggo' artist Reg Carter dies on April 24th, aged 62.

July

Weekly publication of THE BEANO recommences, each issue being available every Friday instead of Tuesdays as had previously been the case.

With issue No. 367 (30.7.49), exactly eleven years after its debut, the first BEANO 'era' draws to a close when the first 'Lord Snooty' series ends, leaving no original first issue item within the comic. (After a similar number of issues THE DANDY still contained five of its original features: Korky the Cat, Desperate Dan, Keyhole Kate, Hungry Horace and Freddy the Fearless Fly).

First appearance of 'Deep-Sea Danny's Iron Fish', whose adventures would eventually run to fifteen series, a record for THE BEANO.

August

Full colour comes to THE BEANO's back page to celebrate the commencement of Pansy Potter's second series in which she becomes a temporary resident of Wonderland.

September

Last combined MAGIC-BEANO BOOK published.

After being available every Friday for two months, THE BEANO changes its publication day to Thursday, which it has remained to the present day.

The third series of 'Little Dead Eye Dick' begins, featuring the last BEANO artwork from artist Charles Holt.

November

First appearance of popular 1950s BEANO adventure strip character 'Tick-Tock-Tony - the Clockwork Horse' in 'The Horse that Jack Built'.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 352-389; price 2d; page count 10 for Nos. 352, 354, 356 and 12 pages for Nos. 353, 355, 357-389. Published fortnightly to No. 366 (23.7.49), then published every Friday to No. 375 (24.9.49), after which THE BEANO was published every Thursday.

First BEANO full-colour back page - No. 369 (13.8.49).



Buster the mule.

Art: Jack Prout

Ann: BB: 1951

Notes: 'Wandering Willie' appeared as 'See the World Sam' in the boys' paper WIZARD in 1954, again drawn by Bill Holroyd.

THE INVISIBLE GIANT (cas) [First Series] (Presto)

No. 357 (19.3.49) - No. 362 (28.5.49)

Synopsis: In the land of Caronia, Hector the cobbler's lad makes the thirty foot high giant Presto, who is always getting into trouble, a pair of magic boots which render him invisible.

Art: James Clark

ANN: BB: 1951 (st), 1955 (cas), 1959 (cas)

Notes: For further series see December 1949 (st) and 1957 (cas). The 1941 story with the same title is not part of this series.

THE TAYLOR'S GOOSE (st)

No. 357 (19.3.49) - one-off

Synopsis: Set in 1868 in the American Rockies, this is the incredible story of a goose that saves nine lives.

Art: Jack Prout

TRICKY DICKY ANT (cs) [Second Series]

No. 358 (2.4.49) - No. 374 (17.9.49)

Art: James Clark/Allan Morley

ANN: See first series (1939)

SAM SPITFIRE (st)

No. 358 (2.4.49) - one-off

Synopsis: The story of three mounties in British Columbia who have a wolverine as a lucky mascot.

Art: Jack Gordon

SKINNY FLINT - THE MEANEST UNCLE IN THE WORLD

(st)

No. 359 (16.4.49) - No. 366 (23.7.49)

Synopsis: When orphan Mickey Dixon comes to live with his miserly uncle Silas he uses his ability as a ventriloquist to try and get the old man to change his ways.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1951

Notes: A comic strip titled 'Skinny Flint' appeared in THE BEANO in 1951.

WANDERING WILLIE (cs)

No. 362 (28.5.49) - No. 368 (6.8.49)

Art: Bill Holroyd

LITTLE DEAD-EYE DICK (cs) [Second Series]

No. 362 (28.5.49) - No. 368 (6.8.49)

Art: Charles Holt

ANN: See first series (1938)

WILD BOY (as) [Third Series]

No. 363 (11.6.49) - No. 366 (23.7.49)

Synopsis: Adventures with the wild boy in Africa as he tracks down twelve Hoopoe birds for Melson's Circus.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: See first series (1938)

YOUNG STRONGARM THE AXE MAN (st) [Second Series]

No. 364 (25.6.49) - No. 370 (20.8.49)

Synopsis: Strong-arm helps a group of Saxon children to escape from their Norman captors and reach the safety of the Isle of Ely.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See first series (1939)

LITTLE NOAH'S ARK (as)

No. 367 (30.7.49) - No. 376 (1.10.49)

Synopsis: Picture strip version of the 1940 story with the same name.

Art: James Clark

ANN: See first series (1940)

DEEP-SEA DANNY'S IRON FISH (st) [First Series]

No. 367 (30.7.49) - No. 382 (12.11.49)

Synopsis: In the Coral Sea Professor Jim Gray builds a mechanical swordfish which is piloted by his twelve year-old son Danny.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1951 (st), 1952 (st), then all the rest are adventure strips - 1953-1954, 1956-1958, 1960-1961, 1965-1969

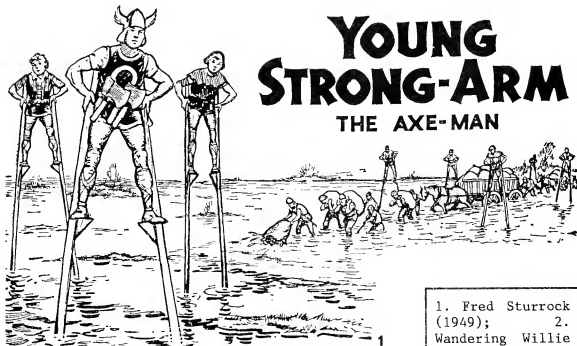
Others: BSS: 1964-1967, 1988; BEANO No. 2000; FGY: 1987

Notes: For further series see 1950 (2 series, both prose stories), then henceforth all adventure strips: 1951-1957, 1958 (2 series), and 1964-1966

'The Iron Fish' was revived as an adventure strip for two series in

# YOUNG STRONG-ARM

## THE AXE-MAN



1. Fred Sturrock (1949);
  2. Wandering Willie (Bill Holroyd, 1949);
  3. Hairy Hugh and his Cockatoo (Basil Blackaller 1949);
  4. Cocky Jock (George Drysdale, 1948);
  5. Winnie the Witch (James Clark, 1948);
  6. Deep Sea Danny's Iron Fish (Toby Baines, 1949.
- NB: This feature usually drawn by Jack Glass).



the boys' comic BUDDY. The first series began in BUDDY No. 1 (14.2.81) and ran until (6.2.82), while the second series began in BUDDY dated (10.4.82) and ended in issue dated (13.11.82). The art for the two series was provided by a total of five different artists: Falugi, White, Lacey, Patrick and Dorey. After these two series had appeared, 'The Iron Fish' did return for one final adventure in the last issue of BUDDY, No. 130 (6.8.83), drawn by Denis McLoughlin.

their father's trading post at Lothi in Africa, they befriend Chingo the chimpanzee who keeps them safe from the dangers of the jungle.

Art: James Clark

THE HORSE THAT JACK BUILT (cas)

[First Series] (Tick-Tock Tony)

No. 382 (12.11.49) - No. 399 (11.3.50)

Synopsis: In Merrie England, to escape the evil tax collector Baron Grimface, Cedric the Toymaker and his wife flee from the town of Carlton with the help of their young son Jack and his self-made clockwork horse, Tick-Tock Tony.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1951, 1952-1954 (titled 'Tick-Tock Tony'), 1956 (titled 'The Clockwork Horse'), 1957, 1960

Notes: For further series see 1950 (titled 'Tick-Tock Tony - the Clockwork Horse'), 1954-1955, 1956 (titled 'Stop That Horse!'), and 1957

DING-DONG BELLE (cs)

No. 368 (6.8.49) - No. 465 (16.6.51)

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1951-1953

Others: BEANO No. 2000; FG: 1987

PANSY POTTER IN WONDERLAND (cs)

[Second Series] (Pansy Potter)

No. 369 (13.8.49) - No. 652 (15.1.55)

Synopsis: Pansy finds a set of steps inside an old wishing well which lead her to Wonderland.

Art: James Clark

ANN: See first series (1938)

Notes: Pansy remained in Wonderland until issue No. 590 (7.11.53), when she returned home and the words 'in Wonderland' were dropped from the title.

Pansy's last full-colour back page strip appeared in issue No. 603 (6.2.54), after which she continued her adventures in a two-colour two-line strip within the comic until the end of the series.

SANDY'S MAGIC BAGPIPES (st)

No. 383 (19.11.49) - No. 390 (7.1.50)

Synopsis: Sandy MacPherson is given a set of old bagpipes by his grandad and one day, while practising on them in the hills, his music awakens a group of Highlanders, led by Sandy's ancestor Rory MacPherson, who have been asleep in a cave since 1745 thanks to a witch's spell.

Art: Jack Glass

THE INVISIBLE GIANT (st) [Second Series]

No. 385 (3.12.49) - No. 391 (14.1.50)

Synopsis: Presto helps a bewitched prince who has been turned into a mouse.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See first series (March 1949)

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB (st) [Fifth Series]

(Tom Thumb)

No. 371 (27.8.49) - No. 384 (26.11.49)

Synopsis: When Eldred the blind boy overhears a plot to kill Richard the Lionheart on his return from the Crusades, Tom Thumb leads Eldred to warn the King.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See first series (1938)

DANGER! LEN AT WORK (cs)

No. 386 (10.12.49) - No. 410 (27.5.50)

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1951-1952

LITTLE DEAD-EYE DICK (cs) [Third Series]

No. 375 (24.9.49) - No. 410 (27.5.50)

Art: Charles Holt

ANN: See first series (1938)

THE RUNAWAY ROBINSONS (as)

No. 389 (3.12.49) - No. 409 (20.5.50)

Synopsis: Separated from their father after a shipwreck, two twins Judy (a cripple) and Jim Robinson, are rescued by lifeboat but soon find themselves on the run from the police when they are accused of theft.

Art: Fred Sturrock

CHINGO THE FEARLESS (cas)

No. 377 (8.10.49) - No. 381 (5.11.49)

Synopsis: When Jess and Jim Walker arrive at

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Front cover: Biffo painting a portrait of other BEANO characters, drawn by James Crighton.

Back cover: Cocky Jock, drawn by James Crighton

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Winnie the Witch	James Clark	8, 66, 98
Cocky Jock	George Drysdale	15, 26, 78
Peter the Penguin	Reg Carter	16, 90, 126
Big Eggo	George Drysdale	25, 56
Swanky Lanky Liz	Charles Holt	40, 75
Smarty Smokum	Allan Morley	24, 48, 80
m The Tickler Twins	Robert MacGillivray	50, 76
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	54, 122
* Misery Dick	Basil Blackaller	64, 79
Big Eggo and Koko	George Drysdale	73, 127
Cocky Dick	Allan Morley	74, 112
* Sly Guy Fox	Allan Morley	91
Sammy Shrinko	Allan Morley	92
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Tom Thumb and the Blind Knight	James Clark	33
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Chalky Charlie	Unknown	57
The Boy with the Magic Masks	Fred Sturrock	81
Guardian of the Arcadia	Unknown	105
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September

The first non-amalgamated BEANO BOOK since 1942 is published. It is also the first which credits John Leng as co-publisher.

March

'Sinbad the Sailor' begins featuring the first artwork for the weekly BEANO from Irish artist Paddy Brennan.

December

'Lord Snooty' returns for a second series with a few new pals.

June

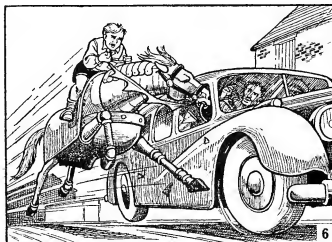
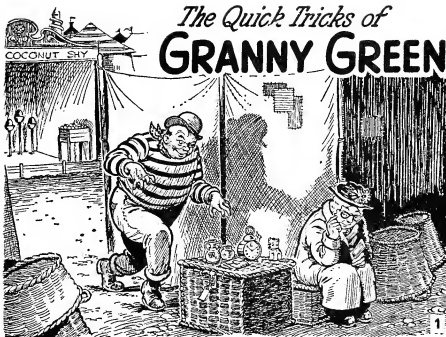
'Sammy's Super Rubber' begins, the last new comic strip for THE BEANO from artist Allan Morley.

The page size of THE BEANO returns to 8.5 inches x 12 inches.

The word COMIC is dropped from THE BEANO title.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 390-441; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday. Page size returns to 8.5 inches x 12 inches with No. 411 (3.6.50). With No. 412 (10.6.50) the word COMIC is dropped from the front page BEANO title.



1. George Ramsbottom (1951); 2. Swanky Lanky Liz (Charles Holt, 1948); 3. Jimmy and his Magic Patch (Paddy Brennan, 1950); 4. Maxi's Taxi (George Drysdale, 1950); 5. Ding-Dong Belle (Bill Holroyd, 1950); 6. Tick-Tock Tony - The Clockwork Horse (Bill Holroyd, 1950).

CHARACTERS

THE TICKLISH TASKS OF BILLY BARREL (st)

No. 391 (14.1.50) - No. 403 (8.4.50)

Synopsis: In the country of Campania Billy Barrel, the local window cleaner, becomes the royal tax gatherer and on his first assignment is given a wild man from Borneo in exchange for payment.

Art: George Drysdale

BOB IN THE BOTTLE (st)

[First Series (under this title)]

No. 392 (21.1.50) - No. 402 (1.4.50)

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: BB: 1952

Notes: Reprint of the 1942 story 'Jack in the Bottle'. For new series of adventures see 1951.

SINBAD THE SAILOR (as) [First Series]

No. 400 (18.3.50) - No. 415 (1.7.50)

Synopsis: The adventures of the world's most famous young sailor with his pal Peg Leg and monkey Bimbo.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: BB: 1951-1953

Notes: For second series in the prose format see 1951, and for the third series in the adventure strip format see 1958.

Sinbad had appeared in a prose story in THE MAGIC COMIC Nos. 30-46 in 1940 with art by Richard 'Toby' Baines.

DEEP-SEA DANNY'S IRON FISH (st) [Second Series]

No. 402 (1.4.50) - No. 408 (13.5.50)

Synopsis: Danny investigates the case of the monster of Loch Linn.

Art: Jack Glass

THE BOY WITH THE WONDER HORSE (st)

[Fifth Series] (Prince Ivor)

No. 404 (15.4.50) - No. 411 (3.6.50)

Synopsis: In this final sequel to the 1939 story 'Follow the Secret Hand', Edric the blacksmith's boy, riding a horse shod with magic shoes, tries to track down King Ivor's magic sword which has been stolen by the wicked magician Merla.

Art: Fred Sturrock

TING-A-LING BILL (st)

No. 409 (20.5.50) - No. 423 (26.8.50)

Synopsis: The most peculiar story of a big ape from Pepp's Circus who roams the wild west with his favourite toy, a prison door with a bell on it!

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1952

JACK FLASH - THE FLYING BOY (as) [Second Series]

No. 410 (27.5.50) - No. 429 (7.10.50)

Synopsis: Fun when Jack takes on the job of looking after four children while their parents are away tending a sick relative.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See first series (1949)

SAMMY'S SUPER RUBBER (cs)

No. 411 (3.6.50) - No. 451 (10.3.51)

Art: Allan Morley

ANN: BB: 1952-1953

THE WILY WAYS OF SIMPLE SIMON (st)

No. 412 (10.6.50) - No. 421 (12.8.50)

Synopsis: Simon Simkin, a farmer's boy, finds a mysterious old bottle while ploughing, the contents of which when sniffed by an animal make the animal invisible.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: BB: 1952 (st), 1953 (cas)

Notes: For second series, this time in strip form, see 1951.

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 416 (8.7.50) - No. 452 (17.3.51)

Synopsis: More adventures in the past with Jimmy Watson.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1944)

Notes: For fuller details refer to the special 'Magic Patch' section of this volume.

DEEP-SEA DANNY'S IRON FISH (st) [Third Series]

No. 422 (19.8.50) - No. 435 (18.11.50)

Synopsis: In the southern Pacific Danny is forced by the native chief Zago to collect rare underwater specimens for his aquarium.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1949)

TOM THUMB'S SCHOOLDAYS (st)

[Sixth Series] (Tom Thumb)

Synopsis: Tom and his cat Peterkin help to keep an outlawed school going when the evil Baron Dubold outlaws education for the local villagers.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: See first series (1938)

TICK-TOCK TONY - THE CLOCKWORK HORSE (as)

[Second Series] (Tick-Tock Tony)

No. 430 (14.10.50) - No. 447 (10.2.51)

Synopsis: In this sequel to the 'Horse that Jack Built', Jack's mechanical horse built in 1250 ends up 700 years later in the Eastdale Museum where, after seven centuries, young Mickey Mills brings it back to life.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE BIRD BOY (st) [First Series]

Synopsis: The story of a wild boy who roams the Antarctic wastes with his giant albatross pet.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1953 (st), then the rest are all adventure strip format, 1956-1957, 1959-1961

Notes: For further series, all in the adventure strip format, see 1952, 1954 and 1956.

LORD SNOOTY AND HIS PALS [Second Series]

No. 440 (23.12.50) - No. 811 (1.2.58)

Art: Nos. 440 - 690: Dudley Watkins  
Nos. 691 - 718: Leo Baxendale  
Nos. 719 - 811: reprints

ANN: See first series (1938)

Notes: For more information on this series refer to the special 'Lord Snooty' section of this volume.

THE BEANO BOOK 1951

Date: Published September 1950; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo riding Tick-Tock Tony the Clockwork Horse, drawn by Bill Holroyd

Back cover: Maxy's Taxi, drawn by Bill Holroyd

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	5, 25, 49, 73, 97, 121
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m Koko the Pup	George Drysdale	54, 125
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* Sly Guy Fox	Allan Morley	72
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March

'The Quick Tricks of Granny Green' begins featuring the final weekly artwork for THE BEANO from Thomson staff artist George Ramsbottom.

'Dennis the Menace,' probably the most popular of all BEANO comic characters, makes his first appearance. The art, by Thomson staff artist David Law, was his first for THE BEANO.

May

'Skinny Flint' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Basil Blackaller.

August

First appearance of popular BEANO adventure character 'Red Rory of the Eagles'.

November

'Wee Peem's Magic Pills' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Charles Grigg.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 442-493; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

BOB IN THE BOTTLE (st)

No. 442 (6.1.51) - No. 451 (10.3.51)

Synopsis: New adventures of the boy who can magic himself into and out of a bottle by incanting a wizard's spell.

Art: Fred Sturrock

ANN: See previous series (1950)

THE HUNGRY LITTLE GOODWINS (as)

No. 448 (17.2.51) - No. 455 (7.4.51)

Synopsis: Picture story adaptation of the 1948 prose story 'The Hungry Goodwins'.

Art: Fred Sturrock

TOMMY'S CLOCKWORK TOWN (st) [First Series]

No. 449 (24.2.51) - No. 466 (23.6.51)

Synopsis: Fun with the son of a New York bus driver when he discovers the robot inhabited clockwork town built by the inventor Professor Corker.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1953 (Titled 'The Clockwork Cop'), 1954 (Titled 'Tommy's Clockwork Brother')

Notes: For further series see 'Tommy's Clockwork Brother' (1952).

THE QUICK TRICKS OF GRANNY GREEN (st)

[Second Series] (New)

No. 452 (17.3.51) - No. 460 (12.5.51)

Synopsis: Further adventures of Jimmy Green, the boy who impersonates his own grandmother.

Art: George Ramsbottom

ANN: See first series (1938)

DENNIS THE MENACE (cs)

No. 452 (17.3.51) - present

Art: Nos. 452 - 1462: David Law  
No. 1463 - present: Dave Sutherland

ANN: BB: 1953-1990; DMB: 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1989; BCL: (including Gnasher/Rasher/Gnipper issues), Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 33, 35, 41, 43, 49, 51, 57, 59, 62, 67, 73, 76, 77, 81, 86, 88, 89, 93, 97, 105, 110, 113, 117, 121, 124, 128, 129, 133, 134, 137, 147, 149, 157, 162, 164, 167, 176, 177, 182, 185, 186; FPB: Nos. 1-13; DCB: Nos. 1-9, 11-13; BS: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17; SM: No. 1; HC: 1985-1986; SP: 1976 (r); DY: 1987; BYB: 1977 (r); BC: 1986-1990; FGY: 1987; GYZ: 1989; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: Dennis also appeared in a half page strip in Thomson's tabloid magazine-cum-newspaper THE WEEKLY NEWS from issue No. 5134 (7.11.53) - No. 5331 (17.8.57), as well as being given his own fun section in the whole 87 issue run of the boys' comic CHAMP in 1984-1985. The fun section also featured reprints of 'Send for Kelly' (TOPPER) by George Martin, 'Puss 'n' Boots' (SPARKY) by John Geering, and new 'I-Spy' strips drawn by Brian Walker.



For much more information on Dennis et al refer to the Special Section 3 of this volume. See also the 'Bringing Up Dennis' strip (1957).

JACK FLASH AND THE TERRIBLE TWINS (as)

[Third Series]

No. 453 (24.3.51) - No. 484 (27.10.51)

Synopsis: Jack's parents Pa and Ma Flash come to Earth from Mercury and bring Jack's small twin brother and sister Jet and Jane with them to visit their big brother.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE WILY WAYS OF SIMPLE SIMON (cas)

[Second Series]

No. 456 (14.4.51) - No. 463 (2.6.51)

Synopsis: Picture strip continuation of the 1950 prose story.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: See first series (1950)

SKINNY FLINT (cs)

No. 459 (5.5.51) - No. 475 (25.8.51)

Art: Basil Blackaller

ANN: BB: 1953

JACK OF CLUBS (st) [First Series]

No. 461 (19.5.51) - No. 472 (4.8.51)

Synopsis: Jack Osmand, a young lad brought up by a band of gypsies, is a marksman with wooden throwing clubs, a skill which he uses to try and regain his rightful title as the local lord of the manor from the evil Black Bart.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1953 (st), 1958 (as)

Notes: For second series in strip form see 1955.

BUCKTOOTH - THE BOY WHO LIVES IN A BARREL (cas)

[First Series]

No. 464 (9.6.51) - No. 487 (17.11.51)

Synopsis: The adventures of a lad in the Old West who carries his home around with him.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1953-1954

Others: BEANO No. 2000 (15.11.80)

Notes: For second series see 1952.

THE IRON FISH (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 467 (30.6.51) - No. 476 (1.9.51)

Synopsis: The first Iron Fish series in the adventure strip format sees Danny Gray and five other young pilots setting out to deliver six Iron Fish, built by Danny's father, to the British Government, all the while being tracked by the evil Captain Sun who seeks to waylay the mechanical fish and sell them to a hostile foreign government.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE BEANO CINEMA (cs)

[Second Series] (Have-a-go Joe)

No. 468 (7.7.51) - No. 485 (3.11.51)

Art: Bill Holroyd

Notes: This contains two separate serials, the first ten-parter titled 'Secret Agent' and the second eight-parter titled 'Bodyguard'.

SMARTY SMOKEY (st) [First Series]

No. 473 (11.8.51) - No. 484 (27.10.51)

Synopsis: Smarty Smokey, an apprentice genie, is sent by his master the genie Mysto to attend school at the Holly Academy for boys in Britain.

Art: James Clark

ANN: BB: 1953, 1955

Notes: For further series see 1952 (titled 'Smarty Smokey's Classmates'), January 1954 (titled 'Smarty Smokey the Genie in the Six Gun'), and July 1954 (titled 'Shorty's Magic Six Gun').

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (st) [First Series]

No. 477 (8.9.51) - No. 485 (3.11.51)

Synopsis: In 1747, two years after the Great Rebellion, young Rory Macpherson from Black Mountain in Invernesshire uses his two eagle pets Flame and Fury to fight his own war against the English redcoats.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1954-1957, 1959, 1961, 1963 (all adventure strips)

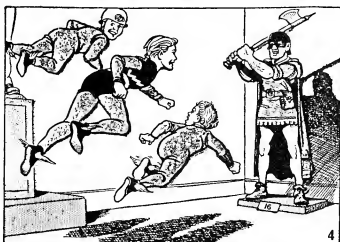
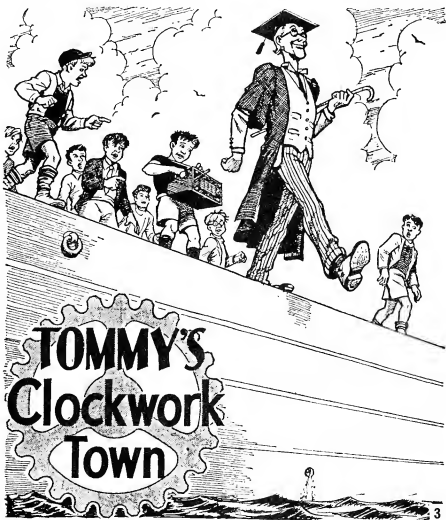
Others: BEANO No. 2000 (15.11.80)

Notes: For further series, all in the adventure strip format, see 1952 - 1954, 1955 (2 series), 1956-1957, 1958 (2 series), 1959, 1962.

WILLIE'S WONDER GUN (cs)

No. 483 (20.10.51) - No. 499 (9.2.52)

Art: James Clark



1. Willie's Wonder Gun (James Clark, 1951); 2. Hawk-Eye (Richard Baines, 1951); 3. Tommy's Clockwork Town (Bill Holroyd, 1951); 4. Jack Flash (Paddy Brennan, 1951).

ANN: BB: 1952-1953

GOGGO - THE WIZARD IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL (st)

No. 486 (10.11.51) - No. 501 (23.2.52)

Synopsis: Laughs when young Jimmy Wilson buys a goldfish from a Hindu salesman which has the power to hypnotize.

Art: David Law

ANN: BB: 1954-1955 (cs), 1960 (st)

THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [Third Series]

No. 485 (3.11.51) - No. 505 (22.3.52)

Synopsis: More adventures with the Robinson Crusoesque members of Samsons Circus.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1943)

HAWKEYE - BRAVEST OF THE BRAVES (as)

No. 488 (24.11.51) - No. 493 (29.12.51)

Synopsis: The old Red Indian keeper of the Forbidden Forest dies and entrusts Hawkeye, a young Indian brave, with the mystical hunting horn, an instrument with which he can control all the forest animals.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: BB: 1953

WILLIE IN THE LOST WORLD (st)

No. 485 (3.11.51) - No. 490 (8.12.51)

Synopsis: Shades of the 1938 picture strip 'In the Land of the Silver Dwarfs' when young Willie Brown and his sheepdog Rex get lost in a cavern and stumble on an ancient subterranean world of dwarfs and strange creatures.

Art: James Clark

SINBAD ON THE ISLAND OF FEAR (st)

[Second Series]

No. 491 (15.12.51) - No. 496 (19.1.52)

Synopsis: On the island of Moluk Sinbad helps a race of centaurs escape the power of Gringa the Giant.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1950)

WEE PEEM'S MAGIC PILLS (cs) [Second Series]

No. 486 (10.11.51) - No. 507 (5.4.52)

Synopsis: Wee Peem has fun with a bottle of strange pills which fall from Dr. Quack's medicine truck.

Art: Charles Grigg

ANN: See first series (1938)

THE BEANO BOOK 1952

Data: Published September 1951; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo nailing the portraits of other BEANO characters to the front cover, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Tick-Tock Tony the Clockwork Horse, drawn by James Crighton

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□ **1952** □

Synopsis: Giant Welshman Stalky Jones pushes a giant hand-roller from his village in Wales to his Uncle's house in London.

Art: James Clark

March

'Multy the Millionaire' begins, featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Richard Cox.

MULTY THE MILLIONAIRE (cs)

No. 500 (16.2.52) - No. 559 (4.4.52)

Art: Richard Cox

April

'The Stick-em up Picture Competition' appears as the first BEANO competition.

ANN: BB: 1954

May

London-born Thomson staff artist Charles 'Chick' Gordon, whose BEANO credits included 'Hookey's Magic Bowler Hat', dies on May 9th.

MICKEY'S MAGIC BONE (st) [First Series]

No. 502 (1.3.52) - No. 517 (14.6.52)

Synopsis: Mickey Watson fishes a telephone receiver-shaped bone out of a stream and finds that with it he can talk to any dog.

Art: David Law

June

Due to industrial action THE BEANO has distribution problems between No. 517 (14.6.52) and No. 528 (30.8.52).

ANN: BB: 1954-1955, 1956 (titled 'The Dog Who Wouldn't Talk'), 1957 (titled 'Basil is Boss'), 1960

'Little Noah's Ark' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Richard 'Toby' Baines.

Notes: For second series see 1953. See also 'Slave to the Talking Horse' (1954).

November

'The Nippers' begins featuring the last weekly BEANO comic strip work from artist Richard Cox.

BUCKTOOTH - THE BOY WHO LIVES IN A BARREL (cs)

[Second Series]

No. 503 (8.3.52) - No. 512 (10.5.52)

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1951)

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 494-545; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

GRIP (as)

No. 503 (8.3.52) - No. 512 (10.5.52)

Synopsis: In the wilds of Canada an alsatian dog named Grip is entrusted with delivering the secret map of his sick master's gold strike to his brother.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: BB: 1954

CHARACTERS

RUNAWAY JACK (as)

No. 494 (5.1.52) - No. 502 (1.3.52)

Synopsis: A young lad named Jack Kidd runs away to sea and accidentally becomes cabin boy on the pirate ship the Sea Vulture.

Art: Bill Holroyd

YOUNG ROBIN HOOD (st)

ROLLING JONES (st)

No. 497 (26.1.52) - No. 504 (15.3.52)

No. 505 (22.3.52) - No. 510 (26.4.52)

Synopsis: The early exploits of the hero of Sherwood, in this instance helped in his conflict with the Sheriff of Nottingham by a dwarf who has strange power over the wild forest animals.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1956

THE IRON FISH (as) [Fifth Series]

No. 506 (29.3.52) - No. 515 (31.5.52)

Synopsis: When Danny Gray and his father discover the magical Blinding Shield in a chest on the seabed they run into trouble with the evil witch doctor Kala the Cruel.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE STICK-EM UP PICTURE COMPETITION (Feature)

No. 509 (19.4.52) - No. 512 (10.5.52)

Art: Fred Sturrock

Notes: A competition with prizes of cowboy and cowgirl outfits and cowboy guns, etc.

TOMMY'S CLOCKWORK BROTHER (st) [Second Series]

No. 511 (3.5.52) - No. 519 (28.6.52)

Synopsis: Tommy Tucker and Professor Corker come to England and Tommy attends Cockle College with one of the Professor's clockwork people acting as his 'big brother'.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (titled 'Tommy's Clockwork Town'), 1951.

WEE DAVIE AND THE GREAT BIG GIANT (cas)

[First Series]

No. 513 (17.5.52) - No. 518 (21.6.52)

Synopsis: In the country of Pomegrania Wee Davie is given the job of Royal Giant Tamer by King Willie.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: BB: 1955-1957, 1959

Notes: For further series see 1953, 1954 (2 series), 1955 (2 series) and 1957.

THE WHATIZZIT? COMPETITION (Feature)

No. 514 (24.5.52) - No. 517 (14.6.52)

Art: Fred Sturrock/James Crighton

Notes: Prizes of Revojet planes and nurses outfits.

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Second Series]

No. 516 (7.6.52) - No. 523 (26.7.52)

Synopsis: In 1746 Rory leads three of his Jacobite Kinsmen to Tobermory Bay in the hope that they can escape to the safety of France.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1951)

LITTLE NOAH'S ARK (st)

No. 518 (21.6.52) - No. 523 (26.7.52)

Synopsis: More adventures with Noah Carter, the boy who lives in the wilds of Canada with his floating 'ark' of wild animals.

Art: Richard 'Toby' Baines

ANN: See original series (1940)

WILDFIRE - THE MAGIC HORSE (as)

No. 519 (28.6.52) - No. 522 (19.7.52)

Synopsis: In this sequel to the 1938 story 'Prince on the Flying Horse', Cedric, the son of a blacksmith in the country of Morania, is given a magic sword which gives his horse Wildfire the ability to fly and it is Cedric's mission to return the throne of Morania to its rightful ruler Prince Dermot and overthrow the evil King Karl. (Note: some names have been changed).

Art: Ken Hunter

SMARTY SMOKEY'S CLASSMATES (st) [Second Series]

No. 520 (5.7.52) - No. 527 (23.8.52)

Synopsis: Mr. Brown, Smokey's teacher at Holly Academy, does such a good job at teaching him that Mysto sends all his other apprentice genies to be taught at the school.

Art: James Clark

ANN: See first series (1951)

ALI HA HA AND THE POTTY THIEVES (cas)

No. 523 (26.7.52) - No. 534 (11.10.52)

Synopsis: The young bazaar owner Ali Ha Ha continually foils the criminal ploys of Sidi El Bong and his Potty Thieves.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: BB: 1954

WAIFS OF THE WILD WEST (as)

No. 524 (2.8.52) - No. 531 (20.9.52)

Synopsis: The same title as a 1941 story but with a different script. In this tale young Dick and Nora Brady travel through the redskin-infested west to deliver supplies of seeds to farmers on the frontier.

Art: Bill Holroyd

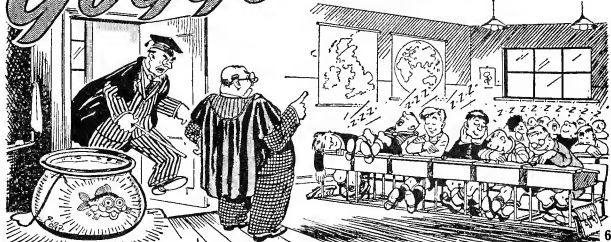


1. Bucktooth (Bill Holroyd, 1951); 2. Ali Ha-Ha and the Potty Thieves (Ken Hunter, 1952); 3. Grip (Richard Baines, 1952); 4. Runaway Jack (Bill Holroyd, 1952); 5. Chingo the Fearless (James Clark, 1949); 6. David Law (1951).



# Goggo

## THE WIZARD IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL



TV STEVIE - THE BOY ON HOOKEY'S WRIST (st)

No. 524 (2.8.52) - No. 535 (18.10.52)

Synopsis: Hookey Walker retrieves a wristwatch from an alien spacecraft which has crashed on Earth, and finds that it puts him in visual and verbal contact with the distant futuristic Planet TV.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: BB: 1954

KAT AND KANARY (cs) [First Series]

No. 526 (16.8.52) - No. 713 (17.3.56)

Art: Charles Grigg/Leo Baxendale

ANN: BB: 1954-1962

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); GY2: 1989; CSA: 1988; BC: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For further series see 1957-1958, and also see the 1957 puzzle feature 'Kat's Krazy Korner'.

PLUCKY LITTLE NELLIE KELLY (st)

No. 528 (30.8.52) - No. 541 (29.11.52)

Synopsis: Reworking of the 1941 prose story 'Plucky Little Nell'.

Art: James Clark

ANN: BB: 1952

THE BIRD BOY (as) [Second Series]

No. 532 (27.9.52) - No. 536 (25.10.52)

Synopsis: More adventures with Kelvin Wayne, the son of a dead explorer, who lives in the Antarctic wastes with his pet albatross Harrk.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1950)

NOBBY - THE ENCHANTED BOBBY (cas)

[First Series]

No. 535 (18.10.52) - No. 563 (2.5.53)

Synopsis: Laughs when, unknown to him, P.C. Nobby Clark has the toe cap of his boot replaced with a piece of metal from a magic lamp which grants him every wish, both good and bad, he innocently utters.

THE BEANO BOOK 1953

Data: Published September 1952; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Jack Flash carrying Biffo on his back as he flies through the air, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Biffo and the Terrible Twins, drawn by James Crighton

Cartoons

Biffo the Bear

Artist

Dudley Watkins

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Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1955-1956 (cas), 1957 (st), 1958 (cas)

Others: BEANO No. 2000 (15.11.80)

Notes: For second series see 1953

CATAPULT JACK (st)

No. 536 (25.10.52) - No. 544 (20.12.52)

Synopsis: Young Jack Shaw, the son of a Canadian trapper, sets out to stop a tribe of Red Indians from going on the warpath.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: BB: 1955

THE NIPPERS (cs)

No. 537 (1.11.52) - No. 550 (31.1.53)

Art: Richard Cox

ANN: BB: 1954

BIG BAZOOKA (cas)

No. 537 (1.11.52) - No. 552 (14.2.53)

Synopsis: The adventures on a South African ostrich farm of Sammy Parker and his huge ostrich pet, Big Bazooka.

Art: Charles Grigg

ANN: BB: 1955-1958

THE BOY ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE (st)

No. 542 (6.12.52) - No. 549 (24.1.53)

Synopsis: The Wild West adventures of young Tommy Simson, the brilliant trapeze artist of Boffin's Mammoth Circus and Menagerie.

Art: James Clark

ANN: BB: 1954

IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE WICKED WILSONS (st)

No. 545 (27.12.52) - No. 556 (14.3.53)

Synopsis: Reprint of the 1943 story 'The Girl with the Golden Voice'.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

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#### January

'Percy from the Pole Star' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist James Crighton.

#### February

Ex-BEANO Chief Sub-Editor Ron Fraser is made Editor of the new Thomson tabloid comic THE TOPPER. The first issue appears on February 7th.

#### April

BEANO favourite 'Roger the Dodger' makes his debut, featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Ken Reid.

#### September

First appearance of BEANO comic favourite 'Little Plum', featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Leo Baxendale.

#### December

First appearance of THE BEANO's female menace 'Minnie the Minx'.

The number of weekly prose stories in THE BEANO reduced from two to one with issue No. 597 (26.12.53).

#### Undateable 1950s information

By 1953 the editorial staff of THE BEANO comprised Editor George Moonie, Chief Sub-Editor Ken Walmsley (who had worked on THE DANDY in its early days), Harold Cramond in charge of adventure strips, and Walter Fearn. Other BEANO staff members who would come along in the 1950s included Derek Reid (who left in 1959), Jimmy 'Jasper' Thomson (who currently works on THE SUNDAY POST) and Ian Gray (the current Editor of THE BEANO and DANDY COMIC LIBRARIES).

#### YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 546-597; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

#### CHARACTERS

#### PERCY FROM THE POLE STAR (st)

No. 550 (31.1.53) - No. 563 (2.5.53)

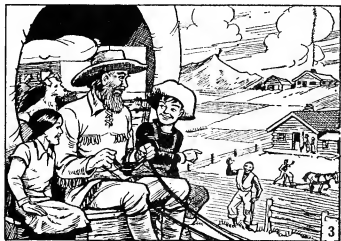
Synopsis: Young Buster Brown teams up with the alien Percy, who has come to Earth to study its people and their habits.

Art: James Crighton

#### RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Third Series]

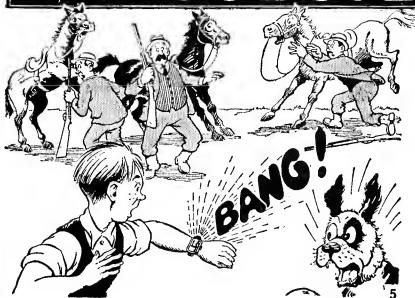
No. 553 (21.2.53) - No. 567 (30.5.53)





1. Wee Davie (Ken Hunter, 1952); 2. Dennis the Menace (David Law, 1953); 3. Waifs of the Wild West (Bill Holroyd, 1952); 4. Multy the Millionaire (Richard Cox, 1952); 5. George Drysdale (1952).

# TV STEVIE



Synopsis: To aid the cause of Bonnie Prince Charlie, Rory sets out to track down the various objects which will reveal the hiding place of the treasure of the clan chief Callum More.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1951)

CAST-IRON STAN - CIRCUS SUPERMAN (st)

No. 557 (21.3.53) - No. 566 (25.5.53)

Synopsis: The story of 'Cast-Iron' Bar, the roughest toughest circus boss in the world.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1955

ROGER THE DODGER (cs) [First Series]

No. 561 (18.4.53) - No. 928 (30.4.60)

Art: 1953-1959: Ken Reid  
1959-1960: Gordon Bell

ANN: BB: 1955-1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1989;  
BCL: Nos. 12, 22, 30, 46, 58, 63,  
72, 78, 94, 108, 150; BFB: Nos.  
1-6, 8, 9, 11, 13; DCB: Nos. 1,  
4, 5, 7-10, 13; BBZ: Nos. 1, 2  
(r); DANDY: 1987; HC: 1986;  
BC: 1986-1990; FGY: 1987; GYZ:  
1989; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For second series see 1961. Roger also had his own 'Dodge Clinic' feature in THE BEANO from 1986-1988, then sporadically in 1989. A one-off feature titled 'Roger the Toddler', drawn by Robert Nixon, also appeared in THE BEANO in 1989.

MICKY'S MAGIC BONE (st) [Second Series]

No. 564 (9.5.53) - No. 573 (11.7.53)

Synopsis: More adventures with the lad who can understand the language of dogs.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: See first series (1952)

DESPERATE DAYS FOR DEEP-SEA DANNY (as)  
[Sixth Series]

No. 564 (9.5.53) - No. 571 (27.6.53)

Synopsis: Danny and a pilot he has saved during a storm at sea are washed ashore on an island inhabited by strange web-footed Fish Men.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1949)

'PICK THE TRICKY TRIPLETS' CORONATION COMPETITION  
(Feature)

No. 564 (9.5.53) - No. 565 (16.5.53)

Art: Dudley Watkins/Charles Grigg

Notes: Prizes of Coronation 5/- pieces and sets of Coronation coins.

NUTTY - THE COAL IMP (st) [First Series]

No. 567 (30.5.53) - No. 598 (2.1.54)

Synopsis: Ten year-old Peter Wilson finds Nutty, a tiny magical coal imp who has been imprisoned in a lump of coal by the Coal Wizard for stealing his magic spells.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1955, 1956 (titled 'The Day Dad Turned Green'), 1957 (titled 'No Peace for Peter Wilson'), 1958 (cas, titled 'My Pal Nutty')

Notes: For second series see 1954.

The title of this series was changed to 'Nutty the Wizard our Chimney' with No. 587 (17.10.53).

WEE DAVIE - BIG GAME HUNTER (cas)

[Second Series]

No. 568 (6.6.53) - No. 583 (19.9.53)

Synopsis: Wee Davie the Pomegranian Giant Tamer is sent by King Willie to find unusual animals with which to restock the Pomegranian Zoo.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952)

BIG HUGH - AND YOU (THE COMIC WITH YOU IN IT!)  
(cs)

No. 572 (4.7.53) - No. 585 (3.10.53)

Synopsis: The comic exploits of Big Hugh the hick who talks to BEANO readers throughout his adventures.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1955

THE MAGIC BOTTLE (st)

No. 574 (18.7.53) - No. 581 (5.9.53)

Synopsis: Danny Dixon is the owner of a strange bottle with a hinged mirrored lid, and any creature looking into the mirror becomes small and disappears into the bottle.

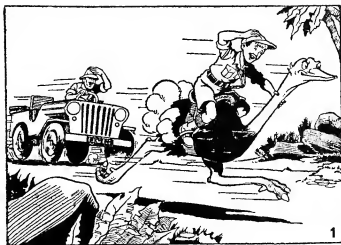
Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1954, 1956

UNCLE WINDRAG (THAT STORY TELLER FELLER) (cs)  
[Second Series]

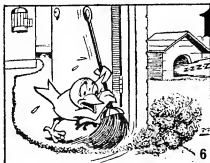
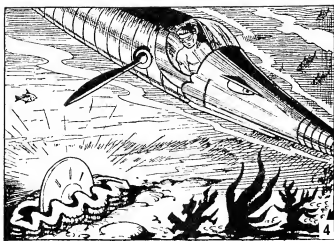
No. 579 (22.8.53) - No. 596 (19.12.53)

Art: Charles Grigg



## SINBAD ON THE ISLAND OF FEAR 3

1. Big Bazooka (Charles Grigg, 1952); 2. Pansy Potter in Wonderland (James Clark, 1952); 3. Sinbad on the Island of Fear (Paddy Brennan, 1952); 4. Deep Sea Danny (Bill Holroyd, 1952); 5 and 6. Kat and Canary (Charles Grigg, 1952).



ANN: BB: 1955, 1956-1957 (st), 1958, 1960 (st)

Notes: A series of Uncle Windbag reprints from both the second and third series appeared in the boys' comic HOTSPUR from No. 599 (10.4.71) - No. 633 (4.12.71).

RUNAWAYS WITH GRANDAD (st)

No. 582 (12.9.53) - No. 596 (19.12.53)

Synopsis: Two young orphans, Jim and Jane Richmond, start a new life on their grandad's lonely ranch in the Wild West and stumble across a strange and terrifying mystery.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

GENERAL JUMBO (as) [First Series]

No. 584 (26.9.53) - No. 599 (9.1.54)

Synopsis: Young Alfie 'Jumbo' Johnson is given a miniature mechanical Army, Navy and Air Force by Professor Carter whose life he has saved.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: BB: 1956-1961; 1964-1968; 1971, 1975-1976, 1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1967, 1969-1971, 1974-1975; DANDY: 1987; FGY: 1987; BC: 1988; CSA: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: For further BEANO series see 1956, 1963-1965, 1969, 1971 (titled 'Admiral Jumbo') and 1974.

Jumbo returned as an adventure strip star in the comic NUTTY from No. 1 (16.2.80), and also in three separate series in the boys' comic BUDDY (27.6.81 - 1.8.81; 18.12.81 - 25.12.81) and in the comic's last five issues, Nos. 126-130 (9.7.83 - 6.8.83). In both NUTTY and BUDDY, Jumbo was drawn by Sandy Calder.

MATT BAITER (cs)

No. 586 (10.10.53) - No. 657 (19.2.55)

Art: George Drysdale

LITTLE PLUM (YOUR REDSKIN CHUM) (cs)

No. 586 (10.10.53) - No. 2310 (18.10.86), and No. 2436 (25.3.89) and No. 2470 (18.11.89)

Art: 1953-1962: Leo Baxendale

1962-1986: Ron Spencer

ANN: BB: 1956-1988, 1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1986, 1988; BCL: 26, 34, 44, 54, 80, 92, 118, 145, 152, 156, 166, 180; BPB: 1, 2, 6-8, 9, 11-13; DCB: 2-5, 7-13; DANDY: 1987-1988; SP: 1976-1977 (r); FGY: 1987; GYZ: 1989; BAP: 1988; BT: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r); BBZ: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r)

Notes: After his last weekly appearance in October 1986, Plum did appear occasionally in THE BEANO's 'Reader's Request' feature in 1987 and turned up in 1988 in the comic's 'Old Masters' feature. He also made two one-off appearances in 1989.

'Little Plum' was devised under the working title 'Booster'.

MINNIE THE MINX (cs)

No. 596 (19.12.53) - present

Art: 1953-1962: Leo Baxendale  
1962-present: Jim Petrie

ANN: BB: 1956-1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); BSS: 1964-1989; BCL: 3, 7, 11, 17, 23, 29, 37, 45, 53, 61, 69, 75, 81, 83, 91, 99, 107, 115, 142, 148, 154, 160, 163, 173, 178, 179; BPB: 1-10, 12, 13; DCB: 13; DANDY: 1987; BBZ: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r); BT: Nos. 1, 4, 5 (r); FGY: 1987; GYZ: 1989; CSA: 1988; BC: 1986-1990; BAP: 1988

Notes: Minnie had her own reprint sections in both the 1977 and 1981 BERYL THE FERIL BOOKS. The details of these reprints can be found in Special Section No. 5 of this volume under the 'Minnie the Minx reprints' heading.

Minnie also had a special 'Agony Column' in No. 2469 (11.11.89).

NOBBY THE ENCHANTED BOBBY (cas) [Second Series]

No. 597 (26.12.53) - No. 604 (13.2.54)

Synopsis: More adventures with the copper who can unknowingly make his wishes come true.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1952)

THE BEANO BOOK 1954

Data: Published September 1953; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo hanging from the branch of a tree, with Dennis holding a lobster near Biffo's foot, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Pansy Potter and The Iron Fish, drawn by James Crighton

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
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Goggo	Ron Smith	57
Ali Ha Ha	Ken Hunter	69
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The Iron Fish	Bill Holroyd	98
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T.V. Stevie	George Drysdale	81
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CHARACTERSSMARTY SMOKEY - THE GENTLE IN THE SIX-GUN (st)

[Third Series]

No. 599 (9.1.54) - No. 608 (13.3.54)

Synopsis: Fun in the Wild West when Smarty's magic lamp is melted down to make a six-gun for sheriff Hawkeye Hankey.

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: See first series (1951)

GET RID OF THE RUNAWAY TWINS (as)

No. 600 (16.1.54) - No. 606 (27.2.54)

Synopsis: When the ship on which they are travelling is mined, two twins, Tom and Trixie Kidd, are marooned on an island with the evil ship's officer Karl Jason who the twins know to be a thief and a murderer.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

February

First appearance of BEANO favourites 'The Bash Street Kids' in the strip 'When The Bell Rings'.

First full-colour back page 'Dennis the Menace' strip in No. 604 (13.2.54).

July

'Shorty's Magic Six-Gun' begins featuring the last new weekly BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist James Clark.

November

First appearance of BEANO adventure strip favourite 'Longlegs - the Desert Wild Boy'.

December

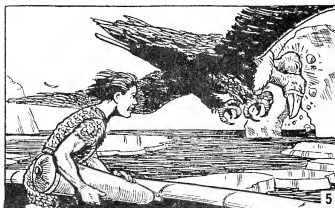
'Jenny Penny' begins featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Jimmy Thompson.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 598-649; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.



1. Get Rid of the Runaway Twins (James Walker, 1954); 2. Nobby the Enchanted Bobby (Bill Holroyd, 1952); 3. The Nippers (Richard Cox, 1952); 4. Wee Peem's Magic Pills (Charles Grigg, 1952); 5. The Bird Boy (Paddy Brennan, 1952); 6. James Walker (1953); 7. Little Plum (Leo Baxendale, 1953); 8. Matt Hatter (George Drysdale, 1953).



## THE MAGIC BOTTLE



**WHEN THE BELL RINGS** (cs) (The Bash Street Kids)

No. 604 (13.2.54) - present

Art: 1954-1962: Leo Baxendale  
1962-present: Dave Sutherland

ANN: BB: 1956-1990

Others: DBS: 1963 (r); RSS: 1964-1989;  
ECL: 2, 6, 10, 13, 19, 25, 31, 39,  
47, 55, 65, 71, 79, 87, 95, 103,  
111, 119, 123, 127, 131, 135, 146,  
151, 155, 161, 166, 169, 175, 181,  
184; BFB: 1-13; DCB: 5, 7-12;  
BASH STREET KIDS BOOKS: 1980, 1982,  
1984, 1986, 1989, 1990 (r); HC:  
1985-1986; BS: Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10,  
12, 14, 16, 18; BC: 1986-1990;  
BBZ: Nos. 1, 2 (r); FGY: 1987;  
GYZ: 1989; CSA: 1988; BAP:  
1988

Notes: 'The Bash Street Kids' also had  
their own reprint section in the  
1977 BERYL THE PERIL BOOK.

For further BEANO spin-off items of  
Bash Street see 'Pup Parade' (1967)  
and 'Simply Smiffy' (1985).

The title of the strip 'When the  
Bell Rings' was changed to 'The Bash  
Street Kids' with BEANO No. 748  
(17.11.56).

'The Bash Street Kids' also appeared  
in a prose story with heading  
illustrations by Leo Baxendale in  
issue Nos. 1522 (16.4.55) - 1554  
(26.11.55) of the boys' story paper  
WIZARD, and WIZARD No. 1536  
(23.7.55) and No. 1547 (8.10.55)  
also sported a 'Bash Street Kids'  
cover strip drawn by Leo Baxendale.

For much more information on 'The  
Bash Street Kids' refer to the  
Special Section No. 4 of this  
volume.

**THE HORSE THAT JACK BUILT** (cas) [Third Series]

No. 605 (20.2.54) - No. 614 (24.4.54)

Synopsis: Back in Merrie England Jack and his  
Clockwork Horse help a knight who  
has lost his memory and is being  
tracked by the mysterious Hooded  
Archer.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1949)

**THE BIRD BOY** (as) [Third Series]

No. 607 (6.3.54) - No. 610 (27.3.54)

Synopsis: Kelvin Wayne and Harrk come to the  
rescue of a ship's cat.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1950)

**MY PAL NUTTY** (st) [Second Series]

No. 609 (20.3.54) - No. 629 (7.8.54)

Synopsis: When Peter Wilson becomes the  
unwitting owner of the coal wizard's  
wand he develops magical powers,  
powers which spell trouble for him  
and his coal imp friend Nutty.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1953)

Notes: With issue No. 620 (5.6.54) the  
title changes to 'In the Power of  
the Coal Wizard'.

**RED RORY OF THE EAGLES** (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 611 (3.4.54) - No. 631 (21.8.54)

Synopsis: Rory and his eagle pets help some  
outlaw Highlanders to escape the  
clutches of the English Redcoats.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1951)

**WEE DAVIE AND THE GREAT BIG BABY** (cas)

[Third Series]

No. 615 (1.5.54) - No. 616 (8.5.54)

Synopsis: Davie is asked to look after Chunk,  
the baby of Hunk the giant.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952) (Wee Davie)

**THE IRON FISH** (as) [Seventh Series]

No. 617 (15.5.54) - No. 618 (22.5.54)

Synopsis: Danny helps to catch a frogman bank  
crook.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1949)

**NOTHING'S TOO BIG FOR WEE DAVIE** (cas)

[Fourth Series]

No. 619 (29.5.54) - No. 625 (10.7.54)

Synopsis: King Willie makes Davie a knight so  
that he can fight the giant bully  
Baron Thug, with the victor's prize  
being the throne of Pomegrania.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952) (Wee Davie)

**SHORTY'S MAGIC SIX-GUN** (cas) [Fourth Series]

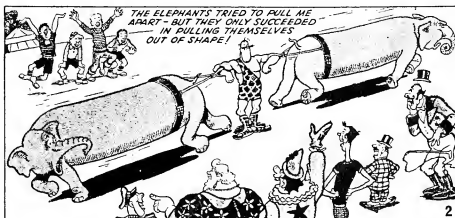
No. 626 (17.7.54) - No. 629 (7.8.54)

Synopsis: Sheriff Hawkeye Hankey leaves  
Fattler Gulch to look for gold and  
leaves his magic six-gun with his  
lawman successor Shorty Brown.

Art: James Clark

ANN: See first series (1951)

# MICKEY'S MAGIC BONE



1. Mickey's Magic Bone (George Drysdale, 1953);
2. Uncle Windbag (Charles Grigg, 1953);
3. Red Rory of the Eagles (Paddy Brennan, 1953);
4. Roger the Dodger (Ken Reid, 1953);
5. David Law (1953).





DANGER FOR DEEP SEA DANNY (as) [Eighth Series]

No. 630 (14.8.54) - No. 641 (30.10.54)

Synopsis: On Kuwpal Island Danny finds a curved sword with a dragon shaped hilt which holds a mysterious secret.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1949)

SLAVE TO THE TALKING HORSE (st)

No. 630 (14.8.54) - No. 646 (4.12.54)

Synopsis: In this sequel to the Magic Bone stories, Mickey saves a horse from being destroyed and since he can talk to it finds it knows the whereabouts of a great treasure.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

HOOKEY'S BUST'EM BOOK (cas) [First Series]

No. 632 (28.8.54) - No. 651 (8.1.55)

Synopsis: Hookey Hutton rescues an old book from a garden fire and finds it once belonged to Merlin the Magician. From its pages historical characters can come to life.

Art: Charles Grigg

ANN: BB: 1956-1957, 1960

Notes: For further series see 1955 and 1958.

LONGLEGS - THE DESERT WILD BOY (as)

[First Series]

No. 642 (6.11.54) - No. 654 (29.1.55)

Synopsis: While Sheriff Bill Barclay is looking for outlaw Pedro Gomez in the Hungry Desert of Arizona he comes across an amazing wild boy with a pet bob cat.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: BB: 1957, 1961-1963

Notes: In 1973 the first and second series of 'Longlegs' were made into one long series of reprints in the boys' comic WIZARD, and from issue No. 9 (11.4.81) - No. 17 (6.6.81) of the boys' comic BUDDY new adventures of 'Longlegs' now renamed 'Wingfoot' appeared, drawn by Denis McLoughlin.

For further BEANO series see 1955 and 1957-1959.

JENNY PENNY (cs)

No. 646 (4.12.54) - No. 694 (5.11.55)

Art: Jimmy Thompson

ANN: BB: 1957

THE SPELL OF GEORDIE'S WHISTLE (st)

No. 647 (11.12.54) - No. 652 (15.1.55)

Synopsis: Wee Geordie Wilson is given a whistle by an Indian pedlar and finds that when it is blown it reverses situations, for example a dog walks a man instead of a man walking a dog.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1957

THE BEANO BOOK 1955

Data: Published September 1954; price 6/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo with a fishing rod in front of a 'No Fishing' sign, with a policeman being pushed into the river, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Dennis the Menace firing a cannon, drawn by James Crighton

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1955



Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1949)

January

'Ace from Space' begins, the last prose story to be featured in the weekly BEANO.

'Clumsy Claude' begins, featuring the first comic art for THE BEANO from Thomson staff artist Bill Ritchie.

March

First all-picture strip issue of THE BEANO appears - No. 659 (5.3.55).

July

'Scrapper' begins, featuring the first comic art for THE BEANO from artist Albert Holroyd, brother of Bill.

First appearance of BEANO comic favourite 'Grandpa'.

September

First DENNIS THE MEANCE BOOK, for 1956, is published.

November

'Jack of Clubs' begins featuring the first artwork for THE BEANO from artist Michael Darling.

December

'Runaways with Turpin' begins featuring the first artwork for THE BEANO from artist John Nichol.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 650-702; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

DICK ON THE DRAW (cs)

No. 650 (1.1.55) - No. 658 (26.2.55)

Art: Jimmy Thompson

THE HORSE THAT JACK BUILT (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 652 (15.1.55) - No. 663 (2.4.55)

Synopsis: Jack is forced to build a monster-sized clockwork soldier to lead the army of the Black Baron in his evil quest to conquer the country of Marania.

ACE FROM SPACE (st)

No. 653 (22.1.55) - No. 658 (26.2.55)

Synopsis: An alien lad called Ace arrives on Earth from Mars with his parents and causes havoc with his Multi-Ray gun.

Art: Leo Baxendale

CLUMSY CLAUDE - THE BLUNDER BOY (cs)

No. 653 (22.1.55) - No. 696 (19.11.55)

Art: Bill Ritchie

ANN: BB: 1957-1958 (st)

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Fifth Series]

No. 655 (5.2.55) - No. 666 (23.4.55)

Synopsis: Rory does battle with the hooded traitor of the clans.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1951)

WEE DAVIE AND THE GREAT BIG SPELL (cas)

[Fourth Series]

No. 659 (5.3.55) - No. 667 (30.4.55)

Synopsis: Davie and King Willie have a spell put on them by Ali Bong the wizard from Baghdad.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952)

LONGLEGS - THE DESERT WILD BOY (as)

[Second Series]

No. 664 (9.4.55) - No. 676 (2.7.55)

Synopsis: When his blind grandfather Josh Slade accidentally kills an Indian chief, Longlegs has to protect him from the revenging tribe who come to hunt him down.

Art: Paddy Brennan



1. Shorty's Magic Six-Gun (James Clark, 1954); 2. Wee Davie and King Willie (Ken Hunter, 1955); 3. Hookey's Bust'em Book (Bill Holroyd, 1954); 4. Big Hugh and You! (Bill Holroyd, 1953); 5. The Shipwrecked Circus (Paddy Brennan, 1955); 6. Jack of Clubs (Michael Darling, 1955).

ANN: See first series (1954)

Notes: For second series see 1959.

ALL THE BEST PEOPLE GO TO SCHOOL! (cs)

No. 667 (30.6.55) - one-off feature

Art: Leo Baxendale

HOOKY'S BUST'EM BOOK (cas) [Second Series]

No. 668 (7.5.55) - No. 679 (23.7.55)

Synopsis: More fun with the magic history book.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1954)

THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 668 (7.5.55) - No. 683 (20.8.55)

Synopsis: Jim Silver, an old sailor, is washed ashore half-dead on Coral Island, the home of the Shipwrecked Circus. With him he has a chart showing the whereabouts of some fabulous pearl beds.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1943)

THUNDERFLASH (as)

No. 677 (9.7.55) - No. 681 (6.8.55)

Synopsis: The adventures of a ram in the Rocky Mountains.

Art: Ken Hunter

PRINCE WHOOPEE - YOUR PAL FROM THE PALACE (cs)  
[First Series]

No. 680 (30.7.55) - No. 759 (2.2.57)

Art: Charles Grigg

ANN: BB: 1957-1960

Notes: A one-off 'Prince Whoopee' reprint appeared in No. 395 (3.4.71) of the boys' comic HORNET.

For second BEANO series see 1957.

WEK DAVIE AND KING WILLIE (cs) [Fifth Series]

No. 680 (30.7.55) - No. 712 (10.3.56)

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952)

SCRAPPER (cs) [First Series]

No. 680 (30.7.55) - No. 769 (13.4.57)

Synopsis: Lord Snooty's pal Scrapper Smith in his own comic strip.

Art: George Drysdale/Albert Holroyd

ANN: BB: 1957-1959

GRANDPA (cs) [First Series]

No. 680 (30.7.55) - No. 798 (2.11.57)

Art: Ken Reid

ANN: BB: 1957-1959, 1973-1985

Others: BSS: 1972-1984; FGY: 1987;  
BAP: 1988; BBZ: No. 1

Notes: For second series see 1971.

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Fifth Series]

No. 682 (13.8.55) - No. 694 (5.11.55)

Art: Dudley Watkins

Notes: Reprints from the 1944 and 1945 series.

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Sixth Series]

No. 684 (27.8.55) - No. 695 (12.11.55)

Synopsis: To stop some of Bonnie Prince Charlie's gold from falling into the hands of the Redcoats, Rory has the gold made into horse-shoes and placed on the hooves of Ruath the magnificent white horse of Kilroy.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1951)

JACK OF CLUBS (as) [Second Series]

No. 695 (12.11.55) - No. 700 (17.12.55)

Synopsis: Young Jack Osmond falls foul of the pirate, Captain Hawk, when he discovers the secret of six belts which lead to a buried treasure.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: See first series (1951)

ON THE HEELS OF THE HATED HOOKNOSE (as)

No. 696 (19.11.55) - No. 700 (17.12.55)

Synopsis: When young Kitty Foster is kidnapped by Shawnee chief Hooknose, her brother Roddy and their mother set out to track them down.

Art: Bill Holroyd

JACK FLASH (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 701 (24.12.55) - No. 719 (28.4.56)

Synopsis: Thrills in darkest Africa when a class from Helmsford School is marooned there after Jack Flash's space ship crash lands during a special geography lesson.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1949)

**RUNAWAYS WITH TURPIN** (as)

No. 701 (24.12.55) - No. 703 (7.1.56)

Synopsis: Dick Turpin the legendary highwayman helps two children, Jeremy and Gwen

Hamilton on the run from their cruel guardians, to catch a ship to America to join their parents.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker/John Nichol

**THE BEANO BOOK 1956**Data: Published September 1955; price 6/-; 128 pages.Front cover: Biffo wearing General Jumbo's cap and watching a small model army of BEANO characters being chased across a table by a model Dennis the Menace in an aeroplane throwing flour bombs, drawn by James CrightonBack cover: General Jumbo and Biffo hanging the BEANO model army on a washing line, drawn by James Crighton

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1956

September

The fourth series of 'The Bird Boy' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Andy Hutton.

JanuaryYEAR INFORMATION

On January 15th Dennis the Menace becomes a TV star during 'Children's Hour' when he appears in an advert to promote the new Thomson comic THE BEEZER.

Issues for year: Nos. 703-754; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

Original BEANO Sub-Editor Ian Chisholm becomes Editor of the new Thomson tabloid comic THE BEEZER. The first issue debuts on January 21st.

CHARACTERSOUR NEW (cs)

No. 703 (7.1.56) - No. 816 (8.3.58)

March

Art: Albert Holroyd

'Wee Peem' begins featuring the first art for THE BEANO from artist Hugh Morren.

ANN: BB: 1957, 1959

THE IRON FISH (as) [Ninth Series]

No. 704 (14.1.56) - No. 712 (10.3.56)

Synopsis: After finding a message for help in a bottle, Danny comes into conflict with the evil Birdman.

Art: John Nichol

ANN: See first series (1949)

STOP THAT HORSE! (as) [Fifth Series]

(Clockwork Horse)

No. 712 (10.3.56) - No. 717 (14.4.56)

Synopsis: When the King is besieged in a castle by Vikings, Jack sends the Clockwork Horse for help.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1949)

DANTEK THE SPANTEK (cs)

No. 713 (17.3.56) - No. 736 (25.8.56)

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: BB: 1958

JOHNNY ON THE HOP (HE BRINGS THE BEANO FROM THE SHOP) (cs)

No. 713 (17.3.56) - No. 736 (25.8.56)

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: BB: 1957

WEE PEEM (cs) [Third Series]

No. 714 (24.3.56) - No. 765 (16.3.57)

Art: Hugh Morren

ANN: See first series (1938)

Note: 'Wee Peem' looks distinctly different in this series than in the previous two (1938 and 1951).

YOUNG DAVY CROCKETT (as) [First Series]

No. 718 (21.4.56) - No. 723 (26.5.56)

Synopsis: Wild West adventures of the wagon train trail with the great-grandson of the famous frontiersman.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: BB: 1958

Notes: For second series see October 1956.

NIK 'O' LIGHTNING (as)

No. 720 (5.5.56) - No. 726 (16.6.56)

Synopsis: The story of a boy who after a plane crash has been brought up alone in the wild bush country of Africa and has developed a strange power over zebras.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: BB: 1958, 1960

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Seventh Series]

No. 724 (2.6.56) - No. 731 (21.7.56)

Synopsis: Rory on the trail of a travelling fiddler who is betraying outlawed Highlanders to the Redcoates.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1951)

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Sixth Series]

No. 727 (23.6.56) - No. 743 (13.10.56)

Art: Dudley Watkins

ANN: See first series (1944)

Notes: More reprints from the 1940s.

GENERAL JUMBO (as) [Second Series]

No. 732 (28.7.56) - No. 739 (15.9.56)

Synopsis: A series of single issue adventures with Jumbo Johnson and his miniature army.

Art: John Nichol

ANN: See first series (1953)

THE BIRD BOY (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 737 (1.9.56) - No. 743 (13.10.56)

Synopsis: Kelvin Wayne helps the crew of the whaling ship Berga after it is sunk by a sea monster in the Antarctic.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1950)

THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKIES (as) [Fifth Series]

(Jack Flash)

No. 740 (22.9.56) - No. 749 (24.11.56)

Synopsis: Jack helps the Luckie family from Kent move to their new home in Africa.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1949)

YOUNG DAVY CROCKETT (as) [Second Series]

No. 744 (20.10.56) - No. 749 (24.11.56)

Synopsis: The great grandson of the famous frontiersman in a script adapted from the 'Little Noah's Ark' story from 1940.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (April 1956)



The startled killer was pulled head-first from his perch.



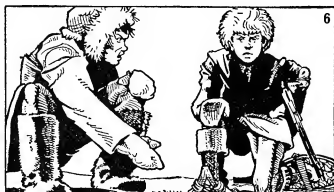
MATCHES! I'VE FORGOTTEN THE MATCHES.



DICK'S SHOOTING HOLES IN A BUCKET TO MAKE A TRICK FOR MY MAGICIAN'S TRICK!

BANG! BANG!

1. Longlegs - The Desert Wild Boy (Paddy Brennan, 1954); 2. Brannigan's Boy (John Nichol, 1957); 3. Minnie the Minx (Leo Baxendale, 1954); 4. Dick on the Draw (Jimmy Thompson, 1955); 5. Jack's the Boy! (Paddy Brennan, 1957); 6. The Vengeance of One-Eye (Andy Hutton, 1957); 7. Thunderflash (Ken Hunter, 1955); 8. Scrapper (Albert Holroyd, 1956).



Konook had a strange story to tell. He showed Jim the wolverine's tracks in the snow. It was almost incredible. The wolverine had driven the moose into the forest to attack Konook! Why?



FIGHTING AGAIN! I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF FIGHTING!

UNCLE WINDBAG (THAT STORY TELLER FELLER) (cs)

[Third Series]

No. 744 (20.10.56) - No. 763 (2.3.57)

Art: Bill Ritchie

ANN: See first series (1938)

children escape the clutches of a band of redskins by hiding the two youngest children inside a home-built wooden horse.

Art: Paddy Brennan

TICK-TOCK TIMOTHY (as)

No. 750 (1.12.56) - No. 759 (2.2.57)

Art: John Nichol

THE WOODEN HORSE (as)

No. 750 (1.12.56) - No. 757 (19.1.57)

Synopsis: Shades of the legend of ancient Troy when in the Wild West the six Oakley

Notes: Revised picture strip version of the 1940s prose story with the same title.

THE BEANO BOOK 1957Data: Published September 1956; price 6/-6d; 128 pages.Front cover: THE BEANO football match, drawn by James CrightonBack cover: More of THE BEANO football match, drawn by James CrightonEndpapers: Laughs, giggles, chuckles, grins (portrait jokes), drawn by various artists

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1957

U.S. submarine which is trapped on the seabed.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1943)

June

'The Invisible Giant' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Bill Holroyd.

October

Beginning of THE BEANO's first regular puzzle feature, 'Kat's Crazy Korner'. It also features the first regular BEANO artwork from artist Frank MacDiarmid.

November

The second series of 'Prince Whoopee' begins featuring the last BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist George Drysdale.

'Fusspot Annie' begins, featuring the last BEANO artwork from artist Jimmy Thompson.

'Bringing Up Dennis' begins, featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Ken Wilkins.

December

The seventh and final series of BEANO adventure favourite 'Tom Thumb' begins.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 755-806; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

LONGLEGS THE DESERT WILD BOY (as)

[Third Series]

No. 758 (26.1.57) - No. 762 (23.2.57)

Synopsis: Longlegs helps to get a shipment of money to safety when the plane on which it was being transported crashes in the Hungry Desert.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1954)

WEE DAVIE AND KING WILLIE (as) [Sixth Series]

No. 760 (9.2.57) - No. 798 (2.11.57)

Synopsis: Fun when hard-up King Willie enters a crossword competition to win a television set.

Art: Ken Hunter

ANN: See first series (1952)

THE HORSE THAT JACK BUILT (as) [Sixth Series]

No. 760 (9.2.57) - No. 772 (4.5.57)

Synopsis: Jack travels with some Vikings on a mission to Rome.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [Fifth Series]

No. 763 (2.3.57) - No. 768 (6.4.57)

Synopsis: Samson and Co. come to the aid of a

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Eighth Series]

No. 764 (9.3.57) - No. 772 (4.5.57)

Synopsis: Adventures with Rory and young Cripple Jamie.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

POOCH (cs)

No. 767 (30.3.57) - No. 799 (9.11.57)

Art: Bill Ritchie

ANN: BB: 1959

PARACHUTE PBC (cs)

No. 767 (30.3.57) - No. 779 (22.6.57)

Art: Albert Holroyd

THE VENGEANCE OF ONE-EYE (as)

No. 769 (13.4.57) - No. 777 (8.6.57)

Synopsis: Trouble in the far north of Canada when young Jim Nelson does battle with One-Eye, a savage wolverine.

Art: Andy Hutton

THE IRON FISH (as) [Tenth Series]

No. 769 (13.4.57) - No. 776 (1.6.57)

Synopsis: After being caught up in a water spout, Danny and the Iron Fish are cast ashore on an island inhabited by pygmies who are being terrorised by a mysterious giant.

Art: John Nichol

ANN: See first series (1949)

KAT AND KANARY (cs) [Second Series]

No. 770 (20.4.57) - No. 794 (5.10.57)

Art: Albert Holroyd

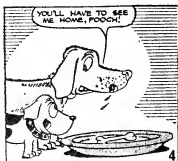
ANN: See first series (1952)

Others: GY2: 1989

KILTY MACTAGGART (as)

No. 773 (11.5.57) - No. 778 (15.6.57)

Synopsis: In an adventure strip similar to the 1951 story 'Willie in the Lost World', a young Scots lad finds the entrance to a lost world inhabited by troglodyte dwarfs in a cavern on the Yorkshire Moors.



1. When the Bell Rings (Leo Baxendale, 1956); 2. Johnny-on-the-Hop (George Drysdale, 1956); 3. Nik 'O' Lightning (Michael Darling, 1956); 4. Pooch (Bill Ritchie, 1957); 5. Daniel the Spaniel (Ken Hunter, 1956); 6. Grandpa (Ken Reid, 1957); 7. Pansy Potter (Charles Grigg, 1958); 8. Wizards at War (Charles Grigg, 1957).



Art: Andy Hutton

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1949)

WIZARDS AT WAR (cas)

No. 773 (11.5.57) - No. 790 (7.9.57)

Synopsis: The comical battles of the two wizards Ding and Dong.

Art: Charles Grigg

ANN: BB: 1959

BRANNIGAN'S BOY (as)

No. 777 (8.6.57) - No. 783 (20.7.57)

Synopsis: Sheriff's son Billy Brannigan tries to bring justice to the Kelly Boys, a gang of outlaws who have wounded his father.

Art: John Nichol

THE INVISIBLE GIANT (cas) [Third Series]

No. 778 (15.6.57) - No. 788 (24.8.57)

Synopsis: Presto, the invisible giant with the magic boots, helps a prince who is turned into a mouse by the evil wizard Zorra.

Art: Bill Holroyd

ANN: See first series (March 1949)

THRILL-A-DAY JILL (as)

No. 779 (22.6.57) - No. 783 (20.7.57)

Synopsis: The adventures of Jill Jarvis, a clever young ventriloquist and her puppet Charlie as stars of Benson's Circus.

Art: John Nichol

ANN: BB: 1959-1960

DIPPY THE DIVER (cs)

No. 780 (29.6.57) - No. 788 (24.8.57)

Art: Hugh Morren

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Seventh Series]

No. 784 (27.7.57) - No. 794 (5.10.57)

Synopsis: Another reprint series but this time with the first episode being a redrawn retelling of the very first Magic Patch adventure from 1944.

Art: Dudley Watkins (with redrawn first episode by artist Andy Hutton)

ANN: See first series (1944)

JACK'S THE BOY (as) [Sixth Series] (Jack Flash)

No. 789 (31.8.57) - No. 801 (23.11.57)

Synopsis: Jack helps a football team from Moorfield School to win £10,000 for their school funds.

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Ninth Series]

No. 791 (14.9.57) - No. 802 (30.11.57)

Synopsis: If Rory fails to find a lost Redcoat patrol in the Highlands three of his clansmen will die.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

RUNAWAYS WITH THUNDERBIRD (as)

No. 795 (12.10.57) - No. 803 (7.12.57)

Synopsis: At a cavalry fort in the West young Jerry and Meg Foster help the Red Indian Thunderbird to escape from custody. In return he shows them the whereabouts of their missing Indian scout father.

Art: John Nichol

KAT'S KRAZY KORNER (Feature)

No. 795 (12.10.57) - No. 927 (23.4.60)

Synopsis: Puzzles with Kat of Kat and Canary fame.

Art: Frank MacDiarmid

Notes: With No. 817 (15.3.58) the title reduced to simply 'Krazy Korner'.

RUMMY RHYMES (Feature)

No. 795 (12.10.57) - No. 831 (21.6.58)

Synopsis: Loopy limericks!

Art: Frank MacDiarmid

PRINCE WHOOPKE (cs) [Second Series]

No. 799 (9.11.57) - No. 841 (30.8.58)

Art: George Drysdale

ANN: See first series (1955)

FUSSPOT ANNIE (cs)

No. 801 (23.11.57) - No. 816 (8.3.58)

Art: Jimmy Thompson

BRINGING UP DENNIS (cs)

No. 801 (23.11.57) - No. 808 (11.1.58)

Synopsis: The adventures of Dennis the Menace as a tiny tot.

Art: Ken Wilkins

STRONGARM THE AXDMAN (as) [Third Series]

No. 802 (30.11.57) - No. 813 (15.2.58)

Synopsis: Young Strongarm sets out to repay the debts owed to people by the blind warrior Hal o' the Axe.

ANN: See first series (1938)

Art: Albert Holroyd

QUICK AN' SLICK (cs)

No. 803 (7.12.57) - No. 829 (7.6.58)

ANN: See first series (1939)

Art: Frank MacDiarmid

TOM THUMB - THE BRAVE LITTLE ONE (as)

TOUGH DUFF (as)

[Seventh Series]

No. 804 (14.12.57) - No. 808 (11.1.58)

No. 803 (7.12.57) - No. 811 (1.2.58)

Synopsis: The adventures of a circus boss whose circus flies the world.

Synopsis: Tom is kidnapped and taken to sea by a piratical knight.

Art: Andy Hutton

Art: John Nichol

ANN: BB: 1959

THE BEANO BOOK 1958

Data: Published September 1957; price 6/-6d; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo juggling with a jar of honey on his nose, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Minnie's dad about to spank Minnie and Dennis with a large clown's shoe, drawn by James Crighton

Endpapers: The Bash Street Kids, drawn by Leo Baxendale

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1958

February

The third and final series of BEANO favourite 'Pansy Potter' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Charles Grigg.

The fourth and final series of BEANO adventure strip favourite 'Wild Boy' begins.

March

The six-week run of the comic strip 'A Funny Thing Happened the Other Day' draws to a close, thus ending the second series of 'Lord Snooty and his Pals' to which it had been a coda.

'Pom-Pom' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Gordon Bell (who is now THE BEANO's longest-serving current artist).

First appearance of THE BEANO's seafaring goon 'Jonah'.

May

Seventh and final series of BEANO adventure strip favourite 'Jack Flash'.

June

'Bristol Billy' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from Portuguese artist Vitor Peon.

August

Sixth and final series of 'The Shipwrecked Circus' begins.

'Cookie' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Ken Wilkins.

December

The twelfth series of 'The Iron Fish' begins, featuring the final weekly BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist Jack Glass.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 807-858; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

RORY AND THE PIRATES (as) [Tenth Series]

No. 809 (18.1.58) - No. 820 (5.4.58)

Synopsis: Rory and Bonnie Prince Charlie fall foul of pirate captain Black Ketch and his band of buccaneers when their ship is wrecked off the Scottish coast.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY (cs)

(Lord Snooty)

No. 812 (8.2.58) - No. 818 (22.3.58)

Synopsis: A minor coda to the second Lord Snooty series.

Art: Albert Holroyd

PANSY POTTER - THE STRONGMAN'S DAUGHTER (cs)

[Third Series]

No. 812 (8.2.58) - No. 854 (29.11.58)

Art: Charles Grigg/Gordon Bell

ANN: See first series (1938)

WILD BOY (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 812 (8.2.58) - No. 823 (26.4.58)

Synopsis: When the Foster family return to the family home in the isolated Birchdale woods after fifteen years in South Africa they find an animal-skin clad wild boy in residence.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1938)

JOHNNY GO BACK! (as)

No. 814 (22.2.58) - No. 827 (24.5.58)

Synopsis: During the Dunkirk evacuation a young English boy, Johnny Desmond, stows away on a boat to France to find his sister.

Art: Albert Holroyd

POM-POM (THE BOY WHO BRIGHTENS DARKEST AFRICA)

(cs)

No. 817 (15.3.58) - No. 848 (18.10.58)

Art: Gordon Bell

ANN: BB: 1960

JONAH (cs)

No. 817 (15.3.58) - No. 1090 (8.6.63)

Art: Ken Reid

ANN: BB: 1960-1964

Others: BSS: 1988; BCL: 48, 70, 85, 102, 116, 143, 165; BFB: 2, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13; DCB: 1-13; DCL: 128; BEANO: 2000, 2391; DANDY: 2385, 2386, 2389, 2405, 2407; FGY: 1987; BBZ: Nos. 3, 4, 5

Notes: Jonah was reprinted in the boys' comic HORNET in 1971, beginning with issue No. 395 (3.4.71) and in all 130 issues of the boys' comic BUDDY (1981-1983).

See also the 'Jinx' strip (1963) featuring Jonah's schoolgirl sister.

KAT AND KANARY (cs) [Third Series]

No. 819 (29.3.58) - No. 841 (30.8.58)

Art: Gordon Bell

ANN: See first series (1952)

THE IRON FISH (as) [Eleventh Series]

No. 821 (12.4.58) - No. 828 (31.5.58)

Synopsis: Danny sets out to find a young girl

who has been kidnapped.

Art: John Nichol

ANN: See first series (1949)

JACK FLASH (as) [Seventh Series]

No. 824 (3.5.58) - No. 835 (19.7.58)

Synopsis: Jack helps to capture an escaped circus lion.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1949)

BRISTOL BILLY (as)

No. 829 (7.6.58) - No. 841 (30.8.58)

Synopsis: Shades of the 1945 picture strip 'Six Brands for Bonnie Prince Charlie' as 'Bristol Billy' Dalton and Long John Daring track down five pirates, each of whom have part of a treasure map tattooed on their arms.

Art: Vitor Peon

RATTLESNAKE RANCH (as)

No. 829 (7.6.58) - No. 840 (23.8.58)

Synopsis: Two young British children, Sandy and Sue Bartley, set off to live with their grandfather on his ranch in Arizona.

Art: John Nichol

HOOKY'S BUST'EM BOOK (cs) [Third Series]

No. 836 (26.7.58) - No. 846 (4.10.58)

Synopsis: More adventures with the book that brings history to life.

Art: Albert Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1954)

THE SHIPWRECKED CIRCUS (as) [Sixth Series]

No. 841 (30.8.58) - No. 856 (13.12.58)

Art: Dudley Watkins/Paddy Brennan

Notes: Reduced size series of reprints, as follows:

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841	No. 200 (27.2.43)
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853	No. 499 (9.2.52)
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855	No. 487 (17.11.51)
856	No. 486 (10.11.51)

COOKIE (cs)

No. 841 (30.8.58) - No. 856 (13.12.58)

Art: Ken Wilkins

BETTY'S GRANDAD (cs)

No. 841 (30.8.58) - No. 856 (13.12.58)

Art: Hugh Morren

LONGLEGS - THE DESERT WILD BOY (as)

[Fourth Series]

No. 842 (6.9.58) - No. 848 (18.10.58)

Synopsis: Prehistoric monsters terrify the townfolk of Cactus Gulch in the Hungry Desert.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1954)

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Eleventh Series]

No. 842 (6.9.58) - No. 854 (29.11.58)

Synopsis: Rory helps Lord Donald Stewart to rescue his wife and children from the Redcoats.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

THE HOGAN BOY (as)

No. 847 (11.10.58) - No. 857 (20.12.58)

Synopsis: After his father is shot and paralysed by the bandit Hank Millard, young Jeff Hogan sets out to track Millard down for the 10,000 dollar reward on his head. Jeff intends to use this money to get treatment for his father to make him well again.

Art: John Nichol

THE BLINDING SHIELD (as)

No. 849 (25.10.58) - No. 856 (13.12.58)

Synopsis: With the help of the mysterious 'Blinding Shield' made by Wolfram the Sorcerer, the evil Valdags swear to wreak vengeance on Val the Viking and his brothers.

Art: Vitor Peon

ANN: BB: 1960

Notes: Quite a different 'Blinding Shield' appeared in a 1952 Iron Fish story.

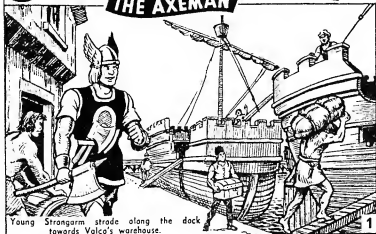
SPARKY'S SPACE HELMET (cas)

No. 855 (6.12.58) - No. 863 (31.1.59)

Synopsis: A space ship crash lands on Earth and Sparky Spencer finds in the wreckage not only a miraculous

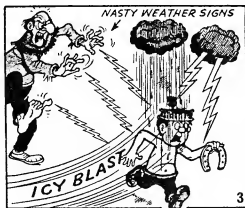
# STRONGARM

## THE AXEMAN



Young Strongarm strode along the dock towards Valco's warehouse.

Thanks mainly to Bob Bennet's sharp eyes and sharp wits, a gang which had plagued the town for some time was now behind bars.

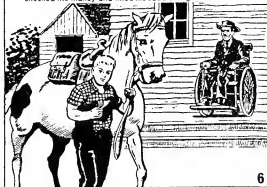


The boy's heart was pounding madly when he reached the river and saw the refugees huddled over the bridge when two British planes swept down to bomb it.

1. Albert Holroyd (1958);
2. Bob on the Beat (John Nichol, 1959);
3. Little Plum (Leo Baxendale, 1959);
4. Johnny Go Back! (Albert Holroyd, 1958);
5. Fusspot Annie (Jimmy Thompson, 1958);
6. Black Starr (John Nichol, 1959);
7. Pete of the Spitfires (Michael Darling, 1959).



Neil, trying to appear calm, collected the thirty dollars due to him. Unable to rush far for fear of raising Slade's suspicions, the boy slowly checked the money and fixed his saddle bags on Black Star.



Pete pointed in the direction of the sound and shouted a warning to the airmen.

helmet but also three small chubby aliens called Eeky, Beeky and Squeaky.

Art: Albert Holroyd

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: See first series (1950)

DASHALONG DOT (SHE RAISES LAUGHS CHASING AUTOGRAPHS) (cs)

No. 855 (6.12.58) - No. 870 (21.3.59)

Art: Gordon Bell

RIP VAN WINK (cs) [Second Series]

No. 857 (20.12.58) - No. 866 (21.2.59)

Synopsis: A series of new and reprinted strips

Art: Gordon Bell (new) / Eric Roberts (reprints)

ANN: See first series (1938)

THE IRON FISH (as) [Twelfth Series]

No. 857 (20.12.58) - No. 867 (28.2.59)

Synopsis: Danny does battle with a swarm of gigantic hornets led by the strange Insect Man.

Art: Jack Glass

ANN: See first series (1949)

FOX ON THE RUN (as)

No. 858 (27.12.58) - No. 869 (14.3.59)

Synopsis: In 1941 Donald Fox, a cabin boy, is on board a ship that is wrecked by dive bombers and is given information by a passenger mortally wounded in the attack that a fellow passenger is a Nazi spy. It becomes Donald's task to get the information identifying the spy to the proper authorities.

Art: Albert Holroyd

SINBAD THE SAILOR (as) [Third Series]

No. 857 (20.12.58) - No. 867 (28.2.59)

Synopsis: A magic bottle with a genie inside is washed aboard Sinbad's boat.

THE BEANO BOOK 1959

Data: Published September 1958; price 6/-6d; 128 pages.

Front cover: Little Plum leap-frogging over Dennis the Menace, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Minnie the Minx with a cactus, drawn by James Crighton

Endpapers: Little Plum, drawn by Leo Baxendale

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Our Ned  
Pooch  
Scrapper  
Kat and Canary

Artist

Leo Baxendale  
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Dudley Watkins  
Dudley Watkins  
Ken Hunter  
Charles Grigg  
Ken Reid  
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David Law  
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1959

January

Last 'Biffo the Bear' strip signed by Dudley Watkins appears in No. 860 (10.1.59).

April

Final series of 'Longlegs - the Desert Wild Boy' begins.

June

First appearance of BEANO favourites 'The Three Bears'.

July

'Bob on the Beat' begins featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist John Nichol.

August

Final series of 'Jimmy and his Magic Patch' begins.

September

Last BEANO BOOK with a James Crichton cover is published. It is also the last BEANO BOOK to contain 128 pages.

November

The third and still current series of 'Lord Snooty' begins.

Undateable 1959 information

In the summer of 1959 George Moonie, the original BEANO Editor, leaves the post to set up publication of the proposed new Thomson girls comic JUDY, which debuted in January 1960. Harold Cramond becomes the new Editor of THE BEANO.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 859-910; price 2d; page count 12; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Twelfth Series]

No. 864 (7.2.59) - No. 884 (27.6.59)

Synopsis: In September 1745 Rory tries to track down a would-be assassin of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

BLACK STAR (as)

No. 867 (28.2.59) - No. 875 (25.4.59)

Synopsis: Young ranchhand Neil Harvey tries to save the life of a big white stallion, with a black star on its forehead, when it throws and injures the wealthy ranch owner Luke Slade and he decides to kill it.

Art: John Nichol

THE VENGEANCE OF THE LOST CRUSADER (as)

No. 868 (7.3.59) - No. 875 (25.4.59)

Synopsis: On his way home by ship from the Crusades, young Sir Ivor Greatheart is thrown overboard by the henchmen of his wicked uncle Sir Boris Blakely. Sir Boris knows that with Ivor's death he will inherit his nephew's lands, but Ivor survives and from the desert island on which he is washed ashore the young knight swears vengeance.

Art: Vitor Peon

JOE FOR CHAMP (cs)

No. 870 (21.3.59) - No. 879 (23.5.59)

Art: Hugh Morren

LONGLEGS - THE DESERT WILD BOY (as)

[Fifth Series]

No. 872 (4.4.59) - No. 880 (30.5.59)

Synopsis: In the Hungry Desert Longlegs helps Marshall Matt Slade to track down a band of outlaws, the Kelly Brothers.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1954)

DICK TURPIN - SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR (as)

No. 876 (2.5.59) - No. 889 (1.8.59)

Synopsis: Dick Turpin the highwayman leads a double life as the respectable squire Tremaine and sets out to stop two children being murdered by their evil uncle who is after their inheritance.

Art: John Nichol

1. Betty's Grandpa (Hugh Morren, 1958); 2. Pom-Pom (Gordon Bell, 1958); 3. Teeko (Andy Hutton, 1960); 4. Rattlesnake Ranch (John Nichol, 1958); 5. Dick Turpin, Special Investigator (John Nichol, 1959); 6. The Blinding Shield (Vitor Peon, 1958); 7. Cookie (Ken Wilkins, 1958); 8. Joe the Champ (Hugh Morren, 1958).

Dick leapt angrily from the saddle as he saw the coach-driver's brutal attack on the boy. Stepping between the two he rocked the bully with a punch to the jaw.



ANN: BB: 1961

Art: John Nichol

SMARTY SMOKEY - THE WEE BLACK DRAGON (cas)

ANN: BB: 1962

No. 877 (9.5.59) - No. 886 (11.7.59)

Synopsis: Young Edric, on his way to pay his family's taxes at the King's court, comes across a small dragon in a cave with a thorn in its foot. The dragon becomes his friend when, like Androcles, Edric removes the thorn.

Art: Vitor Peon

Notes: This series is nothing at all to do with THE BEANO genie of the early 1950's with the same name.

SCRAPPER (cs) [Second Series]

No. 880 (30.5.59) - No. 890 (8.8.59)

Art: Albert Holroyd

ANN: See first series (1955)

THE THREE BEARS (cs) [First Series]

No. 881 (6.6.59) - No. 884 (27.6.59)

Art: Leo Baxendale

ANN: BB: 1961-1986, 1990

Others: BSS: 1964-1985, 1989; BCL: 16, 28, 42, 90, 98, 106; DCL: 13; SP: 1976-1977 (r); HC: 1985-1986; BBZ: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r); BT: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r); FGY: 1987; GY2: 1989

Notes: This short series was seemingly an editorial tryout for the strip as after the four weeks were up readers were asked to write in if they wanted to see the Bears again. Then in No. 900 (17.10.59) an advert appeared saying that the Bears would return when space allowed.

For second series see 1960, and for the third series see 1988.

THE DANGER MAN (as) [First Series]

No. 886 (11.7.59) - No. 932 (28.5.60)

Synopsis: At the age of five an Earthboy is taken from his home on the Yorkshire Moors by Martians and is given special training on Mars so that as an adult he can return to Earth as a superman to be the world's champion when danger threatens.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: BB: 1961-1963

Notes: For further series see 1960 and 1961 (titled 'The Danger Twins' in 1961).

BOB ON THE BEAT (as)

No. 887 (18.7.59) - No. 903 (7.11.59)

Synopsis: The adventures of Bob Bennet, a smart, hardworking policeman whose beat is in the industrial town of Bolton.

THE KANGAROO KID (as)

No. 890 (8.8.59) - No. 904 (14.11.59)

Synopsis: A strip which owes its storyline to the 1938 prose tale 'The Ape's Secret'.

Art: Andy Hutton

JIMMY AND HIS MAGIC PATCH (as) [Eighth Series]

No. 891 (15.8.59) - No. 903 (7.11.59)

Synopsis: Jimmy travels back into history for the final time in THE BEANO.

Art: Paddy Brennan

ANN: See first series (1944)

MOUNTAIN BOY (as)

No. 904 (14.11.59) - No. 912 (9.1.60)

Synopsis: The story of the young Sherpa boy Dawa who, along with his snow leopard Spitfire, has a job as guide to mountaineers in the Himalayas.

Art: Vitor Peon

ANN: BB: 1961 (titled 'Spitfire the Snowcat')

LORD SNOOTY (cs) [Third Series]

No. 904 (14.11.59) - present (except Nos. 2436, 2455, 2462 and 2463)

Art: 1959-1968: Dudley Watkins (reprints during 1959-1964)  
1968-1973: Bob Nixon  
1973-1988: Jimmy Glen  
1988-present: Ken Harrison

ANN: See first series (1938)

PETE OF THE SPITFIRES (as)

No. 904 (14.11.59) - No. 932 (28.5.60)

Synopsis: In 1940 on an island off the British coast a wild boy called Pete helps a Spitfire pilot who has crash-landed.

Art: Michael Darling

Notes: This is a picture story version of a prose story which appeared in THE MAGIC comic in 1940.

TEEKO (as)

No. 905 (21.11.59) - No. 912 (9.1.60)

Synopsis: The adventures of the Burmese boy Chang and his elephant Teeko in the teak forests of Burma.

Art: Andy Hutton

Notes: This is a picture strip version of the 1938 BEANO prose story 'Little Master of the Mighty Chang'.

THE BEANO BOOK 1960

Date: Published September 1959; price 7/-; 128 pages.

Front cover: Biffo making a jigsaw puzzle of the Bash Street teacher being chased by a dog, drawn by James Crighton

Back cover: Jigsaw BEANO characters, drawn by James Crighton

Endpapers: Pom-Pom, drawn by Gordon Bell

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Veteran D.C. Thomson and BEANO freelance artist Allan Morley dies in Kent on September 5th aged 65.

January

'The Laughing Pirate' begins featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from Portuguese artist Vitor Peon.

May

'Wonder Boy' begins featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Bob McGrath.

June

'Danny on a Dolphin' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Dave Sutherland.

'The Queen's Highway' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Terry Patrick.

September

First all-picture 144-page shiny-covered BEANO BOOK is published.

October

The first sixteen-page BEANO with full-colour centrespread is published, and THE BEANO's price increases to 3d.

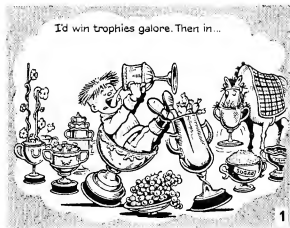
The 'Flying Snorter Balloon' is given away - the first BEANO free gift since 1940.

'Colonel Crackpot's Circus' begins featuring the first BEANO artwork from artist Mal Judge.

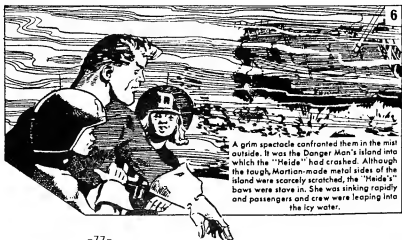
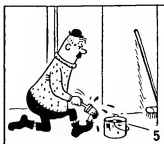
YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 911-963; price 2d to No. 951 (8.10.60), then 3d from No. 952 (15.10.60) onwards. Page count also changes in the same issues from 12 to 16 pages.

Free gifts: No. 953 (22.10.60) - Flying Snorter Balloon  
 No. 954 (29.10.60) - Beano Clickitty Clicker.



1. Wonder Boy (Bob McGrath, 1960);
2. Minnie the Minx (Leo Baxendale, 1958);
3. The Great Flood of London (Dave Sutherland, 1960);
4. Colonel Crackpot's Circus (Mal Judge, 1960);
5. Lazy Jones (Hugh Morren, 1960);
6. The Danger Man (Michael Darling, 1960).



CHARACTERS

THE LAUGHING PIRATE (as)

No. 913 (16.1.60) - No. 935 (18.6.60)

Synopsis: The adventures of Sir Hugo Merriman the 'Falcon' who, as a privateer on the Spanish Main, literally laughs at danger.

Art: Vitor Peon

ANN: BB: 1965

LAZY JONES (cs)

No. 920 (5.5.60) - No. 945 (27.8.60)

Art: Hugh Morren

ANN: BB: 1962, 1964

Others: BSS: 1966

WONDER BOY (cs)

No. 930 (14.5.60) - No. 979 (22.4.61)

Art: Bob McGrath

ANN: BB: 1962

TEASER TIME (Feature)

No. 930 (14.5.60) - No. 1677 (7.9.74)

Art: Frank McDiarmid

ANN: BB: 1962-1963

Notes: 10/- prizes were offered to readers for each puzzle published.

DANNY ON A DOLPHIN (as) [First Series]

No. 933 (4.6.60) - No. 951 (8.10.60)

Synopsis: Young Danny Weston and his friends the dolphins try to track down Danny's parents when, during World War II, they are taken prisoner by the Japanese and removed from their island home of Viam in the Pacific.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: BB: 1962-1963

Others: BSS: 1968

Notes: Reprints from this series appeared under the title 'Dolphin Patrol' in the boys' comic HORNET from issue No. 413 (7.8.71) - No. 431 (11.12.71).

For second series see 1962.

THE QUEEN'S HIGHWAY (as)

No. 936 (25.6.60) - No. 951 (8.10.60)

Synopsis: Big Jim Queen, accompanied by his twin sons Rip and Rick and his daughter Mary, is the leader of a team of engineers building a highway across Africa.

Art: Terry Patrick

ANN: BB: 1962

THE THREE BEARS (cs) [Second Series]

No. 952 (15.10.60) - No. 2253 (21.9.85)

Art: 1960-1961: Leo Baxendale  
1961-1985: Bob McGrath

ANN: See first series (1959)

Notes: 'The Three Bears' also featured in the 'Readers Request' and 'Old Masters' features in THE BEANO in 1987 and 1988.

The two main adversaries of 'The Three Bears', Grizzly Gus and Hank Huckleberry, appeared for the first time in No. 966 (21.1.61) and No. 991 (15.7.61) respectively.

THE TING-A-LING TAYLORS (as)

No. 952 (15.10.60) - No. 982 (13.5.61)

Synopsis: Fun and thrills when the Taylor family, wardens of an African game reserve, are sent a fire engine by mistake.

Art: Terry Patrick

ANN: BB: 1964

THE GREAT FLOOD OF LONDON (as)

No. 952 (15.10.60) - No. 1015 (30.12.61)

Synopsis: A fireball from outer space passes over the Arctic and melts some of the polar ice cap, causing flooding in much of Europe including London, leading to many adventures for Londoners like Harry and Mabel Foster and their children Ted, Trixie and Tiny Tim.

Art: Dave Sutherland

Others: GY2: 1989

Note: This was THE BEANO's first centre-spread strip in full colour.

THE DANGER MAN (as) [Second Series]

No. 952 (15.10.60) - No. 983 (20.5.61)

Synopsis: The Danger Man on board his flying craft the Zoomer rescues two young twins, Jet and Jane Hardwick, from a shipwreck and trains them to be his young associates the Danger Minors.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: See first series (1959)

COLONEL CRACKPOT'S CIRCUS (cs)

No. 952 (15.10.60) - No. 1107 (5.10.63)

Art: Mal Judge

ANN: BB: 1962-1964

Others: BT: No. 1 (r)

THE BEANO BOOK 1961

Data: Published September 1960; price 7/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: The word BEANO in large rainbow lettering on the cover, with BEANO characters in two bands across the top and bottom

Back cover: Jonah

Endpapers: 10 Little Sailor Boys (Jonah), drawn by Ken Reid

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Jonah	Ken Reid	7, 58, 138
Minnie the Minx	Leo Baxendale	10, 33, 71, 109, 140
The Three Bears	Leo Baxendale	11, 42, 112, 141
Kat and Canary	Gordon Bell	12
Little Plum	Leo Baxendale	13, 52, 74, 108
m Old Father Time	Ken Wilkins	14
Dennis the Menace	David Law	16, 55
Roger the Dodger	Gordon Bell	40, 53
Biffo the Bear	Gordon Bell	41
The Bash Street Kids	Leo Baxendale	50, 136

Picture Stories

General Jumbo	John Nichol	15
Longlegs the Desert Wild Boy	Andy Hutton	17
Be a Detective	Unknown	24
Dick Turpin - Special Investigator	John Nichol	25, 123
Jimmy and his Magic Patch	Paddy Brennan	34, 82
The Iron Fish	Andy Hutton	44
Big Bazooka	Charles Grigg	60
Paul Strike of the Flying Squad	Michael Darling	65
Spitfire the Snowcat	Vitor Peon	75
Strongarm the Axeman	Vitor Peon	88
The Bird Boy	Paddy Brennan	97
The Danger Man	Michael Darling	113
Red Rory of the Eagles	Andy Hutton	129

Puzzles/Features

Puzzle Page	Frank MacDiarmid	43
Ring the Bell Puzzle Page	Frank MacDiarmid	49
That's Funny (Inventions)	Unknown	54
What's wrong with this picture?	Leo Baxendale	56
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Monkey Puzzles	Frank MacDiarmid	81
Ali Baba's Puzzle Picture	Leo Baxendale	107
Round the World Puzzle	Frank MacDiarmid	110

(m = a strip first featured in THE MAGIC COMIC)

□ 1961 □

CHARACTERS

ROGER THE DODGER (cs) [Second Series]

No. 980 (29.4.61) - present

Art: 1961-1962: Bob McGrath  
1962-1964: Ken Reid  
1964-1973: Robert Nixon  
1973-1974: Tom Lavery  
1974-1986: Frank MacDiarmid  
1986-present: Robert Nixon

March

Walter Fearn leaves the editorial staff of THE BEANO to become Editor of the new nursery comic BIMBO which has its debut on March 18th.

September

BEANO No. 1000 (16.9.61) is published.

ANN: See first series (1953)

November

'The Danger Twins' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Michael Darling.

Notes: See also 'Roger the Dodger's Dodge Clinic' (1986)

YEAR INFORMATION

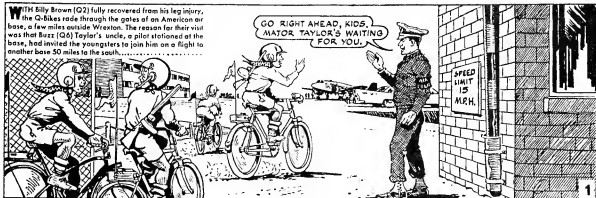
THE CANNONBALL CRACKSHOTS (as)

Issues for year: Nos. 964-1015; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

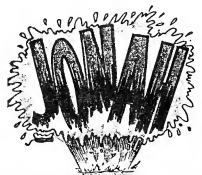
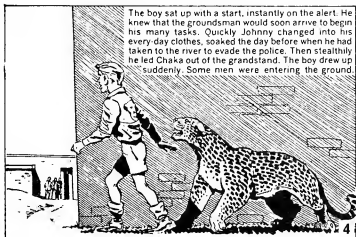
No. 983 (20.5.61) - No. 1007 (4.11.61)

Synopsis: The story of master gunner Ezra

WITH Billy Brown (Q2) fully recovered from his leg injury, the Q-Bikes rode through the gates of an American air base, a few miles outside Wrexton. The reason for their visit was that Buzz (Q6) Taylor's uncle, a pilot stationed at the base, had invited the youngsters to join him on a flight to another base 50 miles to the south.



1. The Q-Bikes (Andy Hutton, 1964);
2. Vitor Peon (1960); 3. Danny on a Dolphin (Dave Sutherland, 1960);
4. The Adventures of Johnny Leopard (Michael Darling, 1961); 5. Jonah (Ken Reid, 1960).



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Applegate and his companions Jack Armstrong and young Billy Ready who between them man the six pounder cannon 'Vulcan' during the Napoleonic Wars.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: BB: 1962-1964

Synopsis: Separated from his mother in Singapore in 1942, young Paddy Watson collects all the pets left behind by his friends and creates a private army to fight the invading Japanese.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: BB: 1966

THE ADVENTURES OF JOHNNY LEOPARD (as)

No. 984 (27.5.61) - No. 1001 (23.9.61)

Synopsis: The tale of a friendship between a twelve year-old boy named Johnny Morris and a savage leopard as they both become hunted outlaws.

Art: Michael Darling

PADDY'S PRIVATE ARMY (as) [First Series]

No. 1002 (30.9.61) - No. 1024 (3.3.62)

THE DANGER TWINS (as) [Third Series]  
(Danger Man)

No. 1008 (11.11.61) - No. 1035 (19.5.62)

Synopsis: More adventures with the superman from Mars and his helpers Jet and Jane the Danger Twins as they fight crime on Earth.

Art: Michael Darling

ANN: See first series (1959)

THE BEANO BOOK 1962

Data: Published September 1961; price 7/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: Jonah dancing on the mast of a sinking ship, drawn by Ken Reid

Back cover: Jonah on a turtle, drawn by Ken Reid

Endpapers: Comical cavalry and indian charge, drawn by Tom Bannister

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Jonah	Ken Reid	7, 135
The Three Bears	Leo Baxendale	11, 71
Roger the Dodger	Ken Reid	15, 65, 113
Kat and kanary	Charles Grigg/ Albert Holroyd	16, 66, 97, 129
* Tough Tot	Hugh Morren	17, 47, 80, 94, 128
Minnie the Minx	Leo Baxendale/ George Drysdale	18, 98
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	28
Wonder Boy	Bob McGrath	30, 62, 112
The Bash Street Kids	Leo Baxendale	31, 63, 95
Dennis the Menace	David Law	33, 60, 87, 132
Lazy Jones	Hugh Morren	34, 100, 139
Little Plum	Leo Baxendale/ George Drysdale	39, 124
Colonel Crackpot's Circus	Mal Judge	49, 111, 140
Lord Snooty (r)	Dudley Watkins	50, 134
Grandpa	Ken Reid	109, 134
Midge (French reprint originally titled 'Pierre')		114

Picture Stories

The Shipwrecked Circus	Paddy Brennan	20
The Queen's Highway	Terry Patrick	35
The Danger Man	Michael Darling	52
Danny on a Dolphin	Dave Sutherland	67
The Sorcerer's Apprentice	Michael Barratt	81
Bob on the Beat	John Nichol	91
Longlegs the Desert Wild Boy	Andy Hutton	101
The Cannonball Crackshots	Michael Darling	116

Puzzles

Teaser Time	Frank MacDiarmid	48, 79, 110
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DANNY ON A DOLPHIN (as) [Second Series]

No. 1025 (10.3.62) - No. 1055 (6.10.62)

Synopsis: Danny helps defeat Captain Bruno and his submarine 'The Red Shark' which is pirating ships in the Pacific.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: See first series (1960)

January

'G for Giant' begins featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Ken Hunter.

February

Veteran BEANO and DANDY artist James Crighton, who had drawn 'Korky the Cat' on the cover of THE BEANO for nearly twenty-five years, dies on February 14th aged 70.

May

Beginning of the last series featuring THE BEANO's young Jacobite hero 'Red Rory of the Eagles'.

August

'Punch and Jimmy' begins, featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Dave Jenner.

First double-page full-colour centrespread 'Bash Street' strip published in No. 1046 (4.8.62).

Note: 1962 also saw the last weekly work for THE BEANO from artist Leo Baxendale as he drew 'Little Plum', 'Minnie the Minx' and 'The Bash Street Kids' for the last time. The three strips were taken over by artists Ron Spencer, Jim Petrie and Dave Sutherland respectively.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1016-1067; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

'G' FOR GIANT (as)

No. 1016 (6.1.62) - No. 1045 (28.7.62)

Synopsis: When there is an explosion at the Hawley Chemical Works some of Professor Dawson's super-grow plant mixture 'G' escapes into the atmosphere, causing all sorts of animals and insects to grow to giant size.

Art: Ken Hunter

Notes: This was the second and final full-colour centre-spread adventure

RED RORY OF THE EAGLES (as) [Thirteenth Series]

No. 1036 (26.5.62) - No. 1067 (29.12.62)

Synopsis: Rory is given the task of driving a small herd of cattle through the Highlands into the safe hands of Sir Donald Stuart. For some mysterious reason, Bonnie Prince Charlie's life is at risk if the cattle are not safely delivered.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1951)

PUNCH AND JIMMY (THE TERROR TWINS) (cs)

[First Series]

No. 1046 (4.8.62) - No. 1073 (9.2.63)

Art: Dave Jenner

ANN: BB: 1965-1968

Others: BSS: 1964-1967; BT: No. 3 (r)

Notes: For second series see 1963.

LESTER'S LITTLE CIRCUS (as)

No. 1056 (13.10.62) - No. 1071 (26.1.63)

Synopsis: The exciting adventures of two circus orphans, Tom and Mary Lester, and their trained elephant in the Old West.

Art: Dave Sutherland

THE BEANO BOOK 1963

Data: Published September 1962; price 7/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: The Bash Street Kids on a swing, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Back cover: The Bash Street Kids falling off a broken swing, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Endpapers: Jousting Knights, drawn by Ken Hunter

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
The Bash Street Kids	Leo Baxendale	6, 71, 134
Jonah	Ken Reid	12, 48, 131
Roger the Dodger	Ken Reid	15, 33, 84, 112, 130
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	16, 45, 96, 113
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	25, 61, 81
Colonel Crackpot's Circus	Mal Judge	29, 49, 93
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	30, 75, 117
Dennis the Menace	David Law	34, 69, 97
* Get Your Hair Cut	Hugh Morren	36
Little Plum	Leo Baxendale	46, 94, 110, 129

Cartoons (continued)

* Once Upon a Time Grandpa	Michael Barratt Ken Reid	82, 114 100, 116
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Picture Stories

Longlegs the Desert Wild Boy	Andy Hutton	17
The Danger Twins	Michael Darling	37
Jimmy and his Magic Patch (r)	Dudley Watkins	53
Red Rory of the Eagles	Michael Darling	85
Danny on a Dolphin	Dave Sutherland	101
The Cannonball Crackshots	Dave Sutherland	121

Features

Teaser Time	Frank MacDiarmid	32, 52, 109
Snitchy's Super Fun Fair	Dudley Watkins/ Michael Barratt	65
Laugh with a Limerick	UNKNOWN	68
Snatchy's Super-Duper Fun Fair	Dudley Watkins/ Michael Barratt	77

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February

First appearance of BEANO adventure strip favourites 'The Q Bikes'.

'The Country Cuzzins' begins, featuring the last BEANO artwork from artist Hugh Morren.

June

BEANO No. 1090 (8.6.63) features 'The Bash Street Kid Colouring Competition', with prizes including cowboy and cowgirl outfits.

THE DANDY-BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL, comprising all reprints, is published as DC Thomson's first Summer Special.

'The Danger Bus' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Terry Patrick.

July

No. 1097 (27.7.63) is THE BEANO's 25th Anniversary Issue.

October

'Jinx' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Ken Reid.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1068-1119; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

GENERAL JUMBO (as) [Third Series]

No. 1072 (2.2.63) - No. 1094 (6.7.63)

Synopsis: The comic strip revival of the boy with a miniature mechanical task force in his control.

Art: Nos. 1068-1073 (r): Paddy Brennan  
Nos. 1074-1094: Dave Sutherland

ANN: See first series (1953)

THE Q BIKES (as) [First Series]

No. 1072 (2.2.63) - No. 1120 (4.1.64)

Synopsis: Britain's youngest flying squad: (Q1) Johnny Masters, (Q2) Billy Brown, (Q3) Alfie Thomas, (Q4) Tom Steptoe and (Q5) Judy Baxter, all fine expert young cyclists out to fight crime and help people in distress.

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: BB: 1964-1965, 1967-1971

Others: BSS: 1964, 1966-1971

Notes: The Q Bikes returned in new adventures in the boys' comic BUDDY in two series in 1981 (9.5.81 - 16.5.81) and (8.8.81 - 21.11.81), drawn in both cases by Lacey.

For further series see 1964, 1966-1967, 1969 (titled 'The Q Karts') and 1971.

THE COUNTRY CUZZINS (cs)

No. 1075 (23.2.63) - No. 1138 (9.5.64)

Art: Hugh Morren

ANN: BB: 1964-1965

Others: BT: 1 (r)

Notes: Reprints of this series appeared in the boys' comic VICTOR from No. 674 (19.1.74) - No. 707 (7.9.74).

PUNCH AND JIMMY (THE TERROR TWINS) (cs)

[Second Series]

No. 1091 (15.6.63) - No. 1325 (9.12.67)

Art: Dave Jenner

ANN: See first series (1962)

**THE DANGER BUS** (as)

No. 1095 (13.7.63) - No. 1125 (8.2.64)

Synopsis: In 1940 on a ferry trip to the cinema a bus load of school children and their teacher are washed off course in a storm and end up in German-occupied France.

Art: Terry Patrick

**JINK** (cs)

No. 1108 (12.10.63) - No. 1137 (2.5.64)

Synopsis: Misadventures with Jonah's lispng schoolgirl sister.

Art: Ken Reid

ANN: **BB:** 1965Others: **BT:** No. 4 (r)**THE DANDY-BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1963****Data:** Published June 1963; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.**Front cover:** Desperate Dan on a beach eating cowpie, about to be hit over the head with a banjo by Dennis the Menace, drawn by Dudley Watkins**Back cover:** A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
D Korky the Cat (r)	James Crichton	2, 8, 30
B Biffo the Bear (r)	Dudley Watkins	3, 31
B Roger the Dodger (r)	Ken Reid	4, 11
B Little Plum (r)	Leo Baxendale	6, 27
D The Smasher (r)	Hugh Morren	7, 15
B Kat and Canary (r)	Charles Grigg	9, 21
D Desperate Dan (r)	Dudley Watkins	12, 22
B Dennis the Menace (r)	David Law	14, 19
D Wily Smiley - the Jungle Joker (r)	George Martin	15, 20
B Minnie the Minx (r)	Leo Baxendale	18
D Little Angel Face (r)	Ken Reid	20
B The Bash Street Kids (r)	Leo Baxendale	23
D Corporal Clott (r)	David Law	26

Picture Stories

D Black Bob (r)	Jack Prout	4
B General Jumbo (r)	Paddy Brennan	24
D Charlie the Chimp (r)	Charles Grigg	28

Features/Stories

It is not easy (story) - Kat and Canary	9
Dandy Donkey Race	16
Burds Kin Fly! (story) - Kat and Canary	21

(D and B signify characters from the weekly DANDY and BEANO comics respectively)

**THE BEANO BOOK 1964****Data:** Published September 1963; price 7/-6d; 144 pages.**Front cover:** Biffo holding a barbell and being tickled under the arm by Buster, drawn by Dudley Watkins**Back cover:** Biffo dropping the barbell on Buster's head, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	6, 140
Jonah	Ken Reid	7, 135
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	11, 65, 131
Roger the Dodger	Ken Reid	15, 39, 108, 112
* Billy the Kidd the King St. Cowboy	Mal Judge	16, 42
Dennis the Menace	David Law	25, 61
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie/ George Drysdale	26, 94
Grandpa	Ken Reid	28, 47, 121
Kat and Canary	Charles Grigg/ Albert Holroyd	29, 52, 107
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	30, 83

Cartoons (continued)

The Country Cuzzins	Hugh Morren	33, 92, 122
Colonel Crackpot's Circus	Mal Judge	40, 109
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	48, 77
* Lord Snooty (r)	Dudley Watkins	50, 106, 124
Tough Tot	Hugh Morren	96
Lazy Jones	Hugh Morren	139

Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	17
My Uncle Tex	Michael Darling	35, 113
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	53
The Ting-a-Ling Taylors	Terry Patrick	79
The Cannonball Crackshots	Dave Sutherland	97

Stories

Ye Bashe Streete Kyddes	Frank MacDiarmid	32
Dennis ye Menace	David Law	64
Roger ye Dodger	George Drysdale	91
Jonah ye Ancient Mariner	Frank MacDiarmid	126

Puzzles

Helter-Skelter Fun	George Drysdale/ Frank MacDiarmid	69
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Art: Albert Holroyd  
ANN: See first series (1949)

January

The thirteenth series of 'The Iron Fish' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from artist Albert Holroyd.

May

First appearance of speedy BEANO favourite 'Billy Whizz'.

June

First BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL is published.

August

Last 'Roger the Dodger' strip drawn by Ken Reid is published in No. 1152 (15.8.64).

September

Last undated BEANO BOOK published.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1120-1171; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

THE IRON FISH (as) [Thirteenth Series]

No. 1121 (11.1.64) - No. 1151 (8.8.64)

Synopsis: In this sixties revival of the fifties favourite, Danny Gray and his sister Penny pilot an iron fish built by their uncle Jim, an improved model of that built by their father who is away on an expedition in the Arctic.

GENERAL JUMBO (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 1126 (15.2.64) - No. 1175 (23.1.65)

Synopsis: Jumbo and Professor Carter take the miniature mechanical army on a world tour.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: See first series (1953)

BILLY WHIZZ (cs)

No. 1139 (16.5.64) - present

Art: 1964-1989: Mal Judge  
1989-present: Steven Horrocks

ANN: BB: 1966-1990

Others: BSS: 1965-1989; BCL: 60, 96;  
BT: No. 5 (r); BPB: 1-3, 5-7,  
9-13; DCB: 1-3, 7-9, 12, 13;  
BC: 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990; FGY:  
1987; SP: 1977 (r); CSA: 1988;  
BAP: 1988

THE Q BIKES (as) [Second Series]

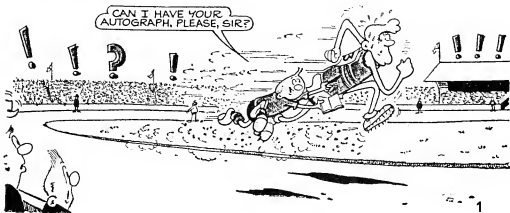
No. 1152 (15.8.64) - No. 1204 (14.8.65)

Synopsis: More adventures with the bicycling five.

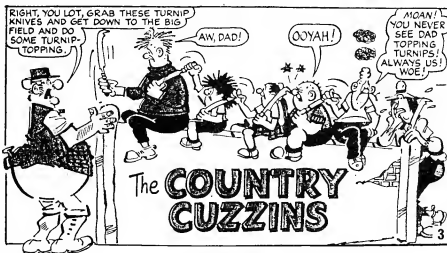
Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1963)

THAT WAS BILLY WHIZZ, THAT WAS—



1. Billy Whizz (Mal Judge, 1964);
2. Minnie the Minx (Jim Petrie, 1964);
3. Hugh Morren (1963);
4. Paddy's Private Army (James Walker, 1961);
5. Jinx (Ken Reid, 1964).



### THE BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1964

Data: Published June 1964; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.

Front cover: Biffo and Buster under a beach umbrella, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Roger the Dodger	Ken Reid	2, 31
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	3, 20
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	5, 28
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	6, 23
Dennis the Menace	David Law	11, 30
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	12
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	13, 22
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	14
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	24

#### Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	8
The Iron Fish	Albert Holroyd	18
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	26

#### Features/Stories

Toots Teasers		4
My Favourite Holiday (Minnie the Minx story)	Jim Petrie	7
Jokes with Beano folks	Gordon Bell	10
Summer Snaps	Dave Sutherland	16
A Load of Limericks	Gordon Bell	21
If I were um Chief (Little Plum story)	Ron Spencer	25
Join my Crossword class		29

### THE BEANO BOOK 1965

Data: Published September 1964; price 7/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: Minnie the Minx and Little Plum blowing up a balloon head of Biffo the Bear, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Back cover: The Biffo balloon bursts and Minnie and Plum are thrown in the air by the explosion, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Endpapers: (Front) - The Teddy Bears Picnic, drawn by Bob McGrath  
(Back) - A Maze to Amuse, drawn by Jim Petrie

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	6, 47, 135
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	7, 83, 131
Roger the Dodger	Ken Reid	11, 122
Dennis the Menace	David Law	15, 137
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	25, 43
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	30, 91, 119
Lord Snooty (r)	Dudley Watkins	30, 113
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	35, 109
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	57, 125
The Country Cuzzins	Hugh Morren	61, 105
* Midge (Reprint of foreign 'Pierre')	Unknown	81, 129
Jinx	Ken Reid	95, 115
* Pancho	Frank MacDiarmid	139

#### Picture Stories

General Jumbo	Paddy Brennan	17
The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	49
The Laughing Pirate	Vitor Peon	65
The Iron Fish	Albert Holroyd	97

#### Features/Puzzles

Our Smart Art Gallery	Bob McGrath	29
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Features/Puzzles (continued)

Puzzle Page	Frank MacDiarmid	39, 87
The Beano Motor Show	Bob McGrath	121
Seven Super Scarecrows	Frank MacDiarmid	140

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January

The second and last series of 'Paddy's Private Army' begins, featuring the last weekly BEANO artwork from Thomson staff artist James 'Peem' Walker'.

Synopsis: More adventures with Paddy Watson in Japanese-held Singapore in 1942, this time with an army of other children - Abu the Malay boy, Crackshot Annie from Texas and Terry the faithful terrier his doggy chum.

Art: James 'Peem' Walker

ANN: See first series (1961)

April

BEANO No. 1185 (3.4.65) is the last issue giving co-publication credit to John Leng.

GENERAL JUMBO (as) [Fifth Series]

No. 1201 (24.7.65) - No. 1271 (26.11.66)

August

The fourteenth series of 'The Iron Fish' begins, featuring the first weekly BEANO artwork from artist Sandy Calder.

Synopsis: Jumbo and his miniature army become an attraction at Big Bill Bronco's Circus.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: See first series (1953)

September

First dated BEANO BOOK is published.

December

Occasional BEANO illustrator, Thomson staff artist Jack Gordon, dies on December 8th.

THE IRON FISH (as) [Fourteenth Series]

No. 1205 (21.8.65) - No. 1247 (11.6.66)

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1171-1223; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

Synopsis: Penny and Danny Gray's inventor father presents them with a single-seater Iron Fish each.

Art: Sandy Calder

ANN: See first series (1949)

CHARACTERS

PADDY'S PRIVATE ARMY (as) [Second Series]

No. 1176 (30.1.65) - No. 1200 (17.7.65)

THE BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1965

Data: Published June 1965; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.

Front cover: Biffo as a fish bear, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Cartoons

Biffo the Bear  
Roger the Dodger  
The Bash Street Kids  
Billy Whizz  
Punch and Jimmy  
Dennis the Menace  
The Three Bears  
Lord Snooty  
Minnie the Minx  
Little Plum

Artist

Dudley Watkins  
Robert Nixon  
Dave Sutherland  
Mal Judge  
Dave Jenner  
David Law  
Bob McGrath  
Dudley Watkins  
Jim Petrie  
Dave Sutherland

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10, 21  
11, 30  
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25  
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Picture Stories

The Iron Fish  
The Hoverclass  
General Jumbo

Sandy Calder  
Terry Patrick  
Dave Sutherland

8  
18  
26



Features/Puzzles

Teasers to Try	Gordon Bell	2
Fighting Talk by Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	12
Penny Pitching (game)	Dave Sutherland	16
Smiffy	Gordon Bell	20
Billy Whizz Holiday Souvenir	Gordon Bell	23
Paint Spot	Gordon Bell	24
5 Quick X-Words		31

THE BEANO BOOK 1966

Data: Published September 1965; price 8/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: Biffo balancing a drum on his feet, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Endpapers: BEANO painters and decorators, drawn by Gordon Bell

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	6, 33, 81, 113
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	7, 119
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	12, 125
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	15, 59
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	27, 107
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	29, 131
Minnie the Minx	Gordon Bell	35, 83, 135
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon/Ken Reid	43, 91, 115
Dennis the Menace	David Law	47, 95, 139
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	61, 110
* Midge (Reprint of foreign 'Pierre')	Unknown	129

Picture Stories

The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	17
Paddy's Private Army	James 'Peem' Walker	49
The Hoverclass	Terry Patrick	65
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	97

Features/Puzzles

Puzzles	Dave Sutherland	39, 87
The Beano Calendar	Gordon Bell	25, 57, 105

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page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERSApril

The 'General Jumbo Colouring Competition', with prizes including tents, typewriters and James Bond Thunderballs, is featured in BEANO No. 1238 (9.4.66).

THE Q BIKES (as) [Third Series]

No. 1248 (18.6.66) - No. 1288 (25.3.67)

Synopsis: The five go on a countryside tour to give Road Safety lectures.

Art: Andy Hutton

September

Publication of the last BEANO BOOK co-published with John Leng.

ANN: See first series (1963)

December

The fifteenth and final series of the BEANO adventure favourite 'The Iron Fish' begins.

THE IRON FISH (as) [Fifteenth Series]

No. 1272 (3.12.66) - No. 1309 (19.8.67)

Synopsis: Danny and Penny Gray's father gives them new jet-powered Iron Fish with the ability to fly.

Art: Sandy Calder

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1224-1276; price 3d;

ANN: See first series (1949)

THE BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1966

Data: Published June 1966; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.

Front cover: Biffo holding a paper ring with 'Beano Summer Special' written on it, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	2, 20
Dennis the Menace	Gordon Bell/David Law	3, 18
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon	4, 23
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	5
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	10, 31
Lazy Jones	Hugh Morren	12
* Pete's Perky Pups	Unknown	12
* Tough Tot	Hugh Morren	12
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	13
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	22
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	24
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	28
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	30

Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	8
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	14
The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	26

Features/Puzzles

Teasers to try on a Rainy Day	Michael Barratt	6
Beano stamps	Gordon Bell	11
Beach Bagatelle/3 legged football (game)	Dave Sutherland	16, 17
Once upon a holiday (Minnie the Minx story)	Jim Petrie	28

THE BEANO BOOK 1967

Data: Published September 1966; price 8/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: General Jumbo controlling a miniature army of BEANO characters, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Back cover: Same as the front cover

Endpapers: BEANO Portrait Gallery, drawn by various artists

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
The Bash Street Kids	Gordon Bell/ Dave Sutherland	6, 65, 117
Little Plum	Gordon Bell/Ron Spencer	12, 57, 131
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins/ Gordon Bell	15, 81, 129
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	25, 62, 125
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	29, 83, 131
Dennis the Menace	Gordon Bell	33, 94, 139
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon	35, 105
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	39, 87
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	43, 113
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	47, 111
* Midge (Reprint of foreign 'Pierre')	Unknown	78
* Pete's Perky Pups	Unknown	80, 124

Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	17
The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	49
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	97

Features/Puzzles

Minnie's Joke Box	Frank MacDiarmid	28
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Features/Puzzles (continued)

Here you are	Mal Judge	60
8 pages for Puzzlers	Frank MacDiarmid	69
Party Pieces	Frank MacDiarmid	91
Here you are again	Mal Judge	92, 122
Come Iron Fishing	Frank MacDiarmid	109
Question Time	Frank MacDiarmid	134

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April

The first appearance of THE BEANO's last great adventure strip character 'Billy the Cat'.

August

'Biffo the Bear' and his pal Buster become the first in a series of cut-out puppets of BEANO characters.

Veteran BEANO illustrator, Thomson staff artist George Drysdale, dies on August 12th aged 52.

December

First appearance of the canine Bash Street spin-off 'Pup Parade'.

Veteran BEANO illustrator, Thomson staff artist Richard 'Toby' Baines, dies on December 28th aged 72.

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1277-1328; price 3d; page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERS

BILLY THE CAT (as) [First Series]

No. 1289 (1.4.67) - No. 1332 (27.1.68)

Synopsis: The story of bespectacled schoolboy William Grange who secretly fights crime as Billy the Cat.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: BB: 1969-1973 (titled 'Billy the Cat and Katie' in 1972 and 1973)

Others: BSS: 1968, 1970, 1972-1973, 1988 (titled 'Billy the Cat and Katie' in 1972 and 1973); DANDY: 1987-1988; BC: 1988; BAP: 1988

Notes: New adventures of Billy the Cat appeared in the boys' comic BUDDY from issue Nos. 1-128 (1981-1983), drawn by Peter Foster.

For further series see 1968, 1970, 1971 (titled 'Billy the Cat and Katie') and 1973.

BEANO PUPPETS (Feature)

No. 1308 (12.8.67) - one-off  
No. 1321 (11.11.67) - No. 1367 (28.9.68)  
No. 1397 (26.4.69) - one-off

Notes: These were a series of cut-out BEANO characters, published as follows:

No. 1308 Biffo and Buster (Biffo the Bear)

Bash Street

No. 1321 Wilfred  
No. 1322 Spotty  
No. 1323 'Erbert  
No. 1324 Toots  
No. 1325 Teacher  
No. 1326 Darny  
No. 1327 Smiffy  
No. 1328 Sid  
No. 1329 Winston the Cat  
No. 1330 Fatty  
No. 1331 Headmaster  
No. 1332 Janitor

Bash Street Pups

No. 1333 Bones/Sniffy  
No. 1334 Pug  
No. 1335 Wiggly/Manfred  
No. 1336 Plug (Bash Street Kids)  
No. 1337 Peeps and Blotty  
No. 1338 Tubby and 'Enry

Various

No. 1339 Little Plum  
No. 1340 Roger the Dodger  
No. 1341 Teddy (The Three Bears)  
No. 1342 Ma Bear (The Three Bears)  
No. 1343 Pa Bear (The Three Bears)  
No. 1344 Chiefy (Little Plum)  
No. 1345 Pimple (Little Plum)  
No. 1346 Grizzly Gus (The Three Bears)  
No. 1347 Billy Whizz/Alfie (Billy Whizz)  
No. 1348 Minnie the Minx  
No. 1349 Dennis the Menace  
No. 1350 Walter (Dennis the Menace)

Lord Snooty

No. 1351 Lord Snooty  
No. 1352 Scrapper  
No. 1353 Rosie  
No. 1354 Doubting Thomas  
No. 1355 Snitch and Snatch  
No. 1356 Fat Joe  
No. 1357 Swanky Lanky Liz  
No. 1358 Polly  
No. 1359 Professor Screwtop  
No. 1360 Aunt Mat

Various

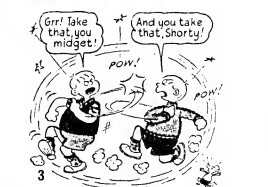
No. 1361 Danny on a Dolphin  
No. 1362 Biffo's Nephews (Biffo the Bear)  
No. 1363 Dr Kildeer (Little Plum)  
No. 1364 Hole-in-um-Head (Little Plum)  
No. 1365 Treaclefoot (Little Plum)  
No. 1366 Hank Huckleberry (The Three Bears)  
No. 1367 Gussie (The Three Bears)  
No. 1397 Billy the Cat

THE Q BIKES (as) [Fourth Series]

No. 1310 (26.8.67) - No. 1344 (20.4.68)



1. Pup Parade (Gordon Bell, 1968); 2. Billy the Cat (Dave Sutherland, 1969); 3. Punch and Jimmy (Dave Jenner, 1964); 4. The Three Bears (Bob McGrath, 1965); 5. Biffo the Bear (Dudley Watkins, 1966); 6. Send for the Hovertank (Sandy Calder, 1969); 7. General Jumbo (Andy Hutton, 1965).



Synopsis: More adventures with the Junior Flying Squad

Art: Andy Hutton

ANN: See first series (1963)

are as follows, with the owner's name after each dog: Bones (Danny), Sniffy (Smiffy), Pug (Plug), Manfred (Wilfred), Peeps (Toots), Blotty (Spotty), Tubby (Fatty), 'Enry ('Erbert) and Wiggy (Sid).

**PUP PARADE** (cs)

No. 1326 (16.12.67) - No. 2401 (23.7.88)

Synopsis: The comic adventures of the canine pets of the Bash Street Kids. Names

Art: Gordon Bell

ANN: BB: 1969 (titled 'The Bash Street Dogs'), 1970-1990

Others: BSS: 1968-1988; ECL: 66, 125; BAP: 1988

**THE BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1967**

Data: Published June 1967; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.

Front cover: Biffo diving off a pier and onto a beach, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	3
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	4, 21
Dennis the Menace	David Law	5, 29
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	8
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon	10, 23
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	13
* Three Smart Girls	Unknown	15
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	18
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	20
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	22
Biffo the Bear	Gordon Bell	30

Picture Stories

General Jumbo	Sandy Calder	6
The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	16
The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	26

Features/Puzzles

Tricky Teasers	Gordon Bell	2
Golden Rules for a Dodger	Gordon Bell	10
Postcard Parade	Unknown	11
Giant Crossword	Gordon Bell	14
Little Alfie	Mal Hudge	20
Spoilsport	Dave Sutherland	24
The Billy Whizz Speedograph	Mal Judge	28
Hey! Here's a Mini-Play (Billy Whizz)	Mal Judge	28
Dog's Tale	Dave Sutherland	31

**THE BEANO BOOK 1968**

Data: Published September 1967; price 8/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: Biffo wearing a crash helmet, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Back cover: Same as the front cover

Endpapers: The Bash Street Kids, drawn by Gordon Bell

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins/ Gordon Bell	6, 128
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins/ Gordon Bell	7, 135
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	11, 83, 139
Dennis the Menace	David Law	15, 95
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland/ Gordon Bell	27, 65, 117
* Three Smart Girls	Unknown	33, 91, 130

Cartoons (continued)

The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	35, 113
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	40, 87
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	43, 105, 131
Punch and Jimmy	Dave Jenner	47, 81
The Belles of St. Lemons	Gordon Bell	58, 92, 126
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon	61, 109
The Mixed-Up Beano		
- Biffo the Menace	Dudley Watkins	69
Punch and Rosie	Dave Jenner	70
Roger the Minx	Robert Nixon	71
The Bash Street Bears	Bob McGrath	72
Minnie Whizz	Jim Petrie	74
The 3 Plums	Ron Spencer	75
Lord Dennis	David Law	76
Big laughs there!	Mal Judge	124

Picture Stories

The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	17
The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	49
General Jumbo	Dave Sutherland	97

Features/Puzzles

Roger's Puzzle Page	Robert Nixon	34
Pa Bear's Puzzle Page	Bob McGrath	57
Every date for 1968 (calendar)	Dudley Watkins	60
Dennis' Puzzle Page	David Law	94
Plug's Puzzle Page	Frank MacDiarmid	129

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March

The price of THE BEANO rises to 4d.

April

Last new Dudley Watkins 'Lord Snooty' strip published in BEANO No. 1342 (6.4.68).

August

Debut of Gnasher in the 'Dennis the Menace' strip in BEANO No. 1363 (31.8.68)

YEAR INFORMATION

Issues for year: Nos. 1329-1380; price 3d to No. 1339 (16.3.68), then 4d from No. 1340 (23.3.68) onwards; page count 16; published every Thursday.

CHARACTERSDANNY ON A DOLPHIN (as) [Third Series]

No. 1333 (3.2.68) - No. 1377 (7.12.68)

Synopsis: Danny Watson helps his doctor father rebuild his island hospital in the Pacific when the island is hit by a tidal wave.

Art: Sandy Calder

ANN: See first series (1960)

THE KING STREET COWBOYS (as)

No. 1345 (27.4.48) - No. 1372 (2.11.68)

Synopsis: The story of four children, Jane, Jeff, John and Jimmy Jardine, who look after the seaside donkeys on Southborough beach whilst their owner is taken ill.

Art: Sandy Calder

BILLY THE CAT (as) [Second Series]

No. 1373 (9.11.68) - No. 1412 (9.8.69)

Synopsis: More adventures with the Burnham town orphan super hero who lives with his Aunt Mabel.

Art: Dave Sutherland

ANN: See first series (1967)

SEND FOR THE HOVERTANK (as)

No. 1378 (14.12.68) - No. 1408 (12.7.69)

Synopsis: Inventor Mr Knight builds a hovertank and, along with his twin sons Kevin and Kenneth, uses the strange vehicle to fight crime and to aid people in distress.

Art: Sandy Calder

ANN: BB: 1970

Others: BSS: 1969

THE BEANO SUMMER SPECIAL 1968

Data: Published June 1968; price 1/-6d; 32 pages.

Front cover: Biffo holding up a stick of rock, drawn by Dudley Watkins

Back cover: A continuation sequence of the front cover, drawn by Dudley Watkins

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Dennis the Menace	David Law	3
Lord Snooty	Robert Nixon	4, 21
The Bash Street Kids	Dave Sutherland	5, 30
Roger the Dodger	Robert Nixon	6, 29
Biffo the Bear	Dudley Watkins	11
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	12, 20
Little Plum	Ron Spencer	13
Pup Parade	Gordon Bell	14
The Belles of St. Lemons	Gordon Bell	16
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	23
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	24

Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	8
Billy the Cat	Dave Sutherland	18
Danny on a Dolphin	Sandy Calder	26

Features

Topper Teasers	Jimmy Glen	2
Bikes on the Beach (The Bash Street Kids)	Dave Sutherland	10
Star Turns	Gordon Bell	22
Jokes Folks!	Mal Judge	24
Denise on a school outing (Dennis' cousin)	David Law	28
Smiffy's Zulzep Page	Jimmy Glen	31

THE BEANO BOOK 1969

Data: Published September 1968; price 8/-6d; 144 pages.

Front cover: The Bash Street Kids riding in the Iron Fish, drawn by Dave Sutherland

Back cover: Same as the front cover

Endpapers: Jokes without words, drawn by Mal Judge

<u>Cartoons</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Biffo the Bear	Gordon Bell/ Dudley Watkins	6, 35, 127
Minnie the Minx	Jim Petrie	7, 83, 123
The Three Bears	Bob McGrath	11, 50, 117
The Bash Street Dogs	Dave Sutherland	15, 95, 121
Roger the Dodger	Gordon Bell	17, 62, 87
Dennis the Menace	David Law	28, 106, 131
Lord Snooty	Dudley Watkins	33, 81, 129
Billy Whizz	Mal Judge	39, 135
Little Plum	Ron Spencer/ Gordon Bell	43, 91, 113
The Belles of St. Lemons	Gordon Bell	47, 140
Little Alfie (Billy Whizz)	Mal Judge	109
The Bash Street Kids Mini-Book	Dave Sutherland/ Frank MacDiarmid	65

Picture Stories

The Q Bikes	Andy Hutton	20
Billy the Cat	Dave Sutherland	52
The Iron Fish	Sandy Calder	98

Features/Puzzles

Dizzy Drawings	Michael Barratt	19, 49, 97
Sign Here	David Law	134
Beanoman	Unknown	139